



18th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

At present the school is still open and we will remain open until we have been told by the Government directly. This could be at any time and as soon as I get any news I will let you know.

It is important that we should be prepared for school closure and many of you are now in self-isolation. As a result we have put together an extensive work pack for children in each year group. There should be enough work to last the children for at least two weeks and we would encourage you to set aside time in your day to help the children to continue their education.

Much of the work can be accessed online and we have developed a link on our website for the children to access all the websites that they will need. Simply click on the link below or type the address into your browser. Alternatively you can simply go on to the website directly and find the link under the HOME tab marked as UPDATES.

www.castlehill.kent.sch.uk/updates

Attached to this letter you will find all the passwords that your child will need to access the different sites. The only password you will not have is for the 'Oxford Owl' website, this gives you access to hundreds of quality reading scheme books. The username and password for this site are the same, simply type in 'castlehill' for both.

We have also set up an email address so if you are having any problems or wish to discuss any work you can email staff directly. This address is:

learning@castlehill.kent.sch.uk

On the webpage there will also be a link to a brand new Learning from Home Grid (this is similar to the usual Home Learning Grid). There are many different tasks and activities that the teachers have set up for your children to do. Please keep a record of anything that your children do, we would love to see pictures of their work and would like anything else kept for their return to school.

If you are struggling to get access to the internet then please do not worry. We have prepared work packs in school, these can be photocopied and collected from the school office. Please just let us know and we can get these ready for you. Even if the school has been shut we will try to do this if possible.

We have also cleared out our cupboards and if you are struggling to find paper or exercise books we have a supply in school that we are more than happy to give you. Again please just ask and we can sort this out for you.

Finally I would like to remind you not to pay too much attention to what you hear on social media. If I have any important news I will let you know as soon as possible and if you want to discuss anything that concerns you then please do not hesitate to do so.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

Pete Talbot - Headteacher