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**Closure Arrangements**

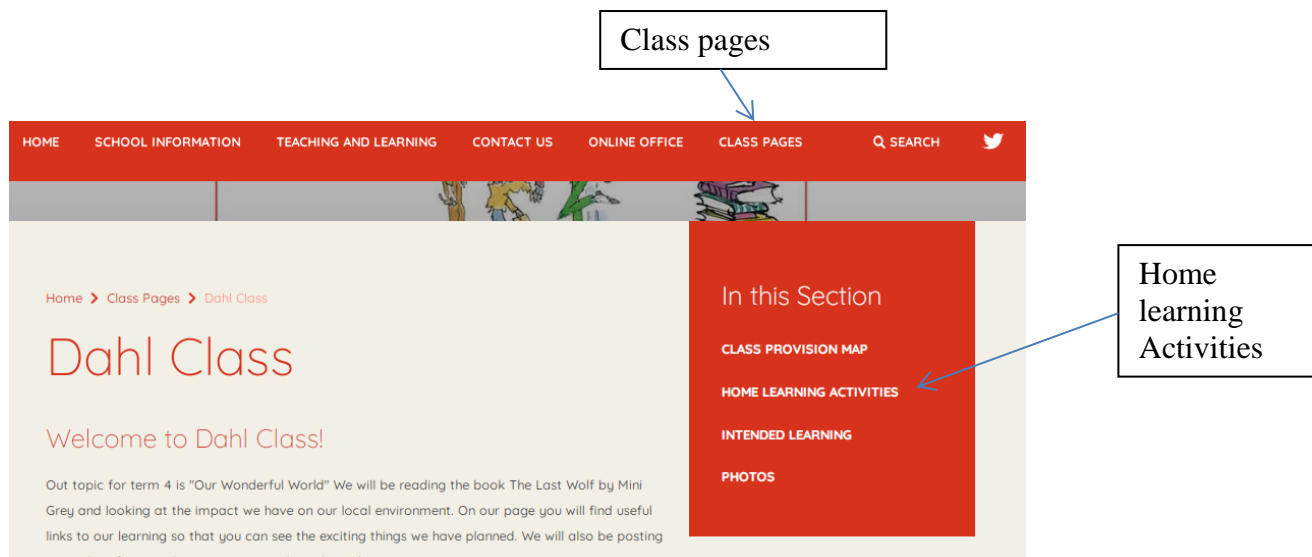
As you are doubtless aware, as of Monday 23 March, all academies and schools in England will be **closed until further notice**. We are writing to provide you with the best information that we have available at present. Further updates will be provided as and when we are able. If you wish to read the statement from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, it can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-colleges-and-early-years-settings-to-close>

**Work**

All pupils should undertake the remote learning that is provided for them on the school website or sent to you via email.

- Maths learning will be added to the maths page of your child's Home Learning Activities area of their class pages. White Rose Maths is producing maths lessons for pupils to follow. There are lessons available every day and it is an expectation that pupils complete the lesson and record their answers in their home learning book. Please record the date and the title of each lesson. There are several links to maths websites that can be used to practise / consolidate learning. Please use TT Rockstars: this is suitable for Key Stage 1, however be mindful to select appropriate time tables. Key Stage 2 is to practise up to 12 x 12.
- English learning will be added to your child's class 'home learning activities' English page on the school website; there is an expectation that children continue to engage in writing and learning spellings. Written pieces can be photographed and emailed in, typed can be sent in as an attachment. Please encourage your child with their handwriting: many children are learning cursive script and it is important that this continues.
- There will be some topic based learning added with some suggestions for art and DT activities.
- Classroom secrets and twinkl are offering free access to all their online resources. I would encourage all parents to sign up.
- Phonics Play is vital to the teaching of phonics. [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk) username: march20 password: home. To learn more about how to teach phonics use this link <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/phonics-videos>



Whilst this is being set up – please see learning packs uploaded to the ‘Home Learning Activities’ pages under the class page.

Please note that pupils should remain at home or in another appropriate indoor place during the school day, taking suitable breaks for their general wellbeing. Pupils should not be out in public places during school hours.

#### Absence coding

Throughout the period of school closure all pupils will be ‘Y’ coded. No absences, authorised or unauthorised, will be registered against pupils.

#### Examinations

The government have announced that public examinations will not take place in May and June. It is recognised that this is a considerable blow to our pupils who have worked so hard in preparation.

#### Safeguarding and other urgent concerns

There may be a need for parents/carers, pupils or staff members to urgently contact senior staff about safeguarding issues or other pressing matters during the period of school closure. Email [headteacher@frittenden.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@frittenden.kent.sch.uk). Emails are picked up throughout the day.

#### Pupils who may attend

Quite rightly, we will be expected to make provision for two specific groups of pupils: those whose parents or carers are key workers and those who have an Education & Healthcare Plan (EHCP).

**Please note that we will only be able to make provision for pupils who fall into these two criteria. There will be no exceptions.** We realise that this will be troublesome for some parents/carers, but we cannot start making individual arrangements in the interests of fairness, consistency and achieving the purpose of school closures (minimising social contact). Please be considerate and do not put us in a difficult position by asking us to accommodate your child if they do not fulfil the criteria, forcing us to come into potential conflict with you by saying no.

Please be aware that those children who do attend will be undertaking similar activities to those of their peers who are working at home. The purpose of the school closure is to minimise contact and therefore we will be providing skeleton staffing to provide supervision and care for pupils who do attend. This means that we will not be running a

normal timetable. It is perhaps worth noting that the Secretary of State has been clear that this is an entirely different role for schools and their staff. It is primarily about care, not education.

**As we will need to plan staffing, we will need to know in advance which pupils we will have in attendance. Therefore, if you are intending to send your child to school during the period of closure, please complete the table below and send it to [donna@frittenden.kent.sch.uk](mailto:donna@frittenden.kent.sch.uk) All responses must be received by 3pm on Friday 20 March please.**

Upon receipt of your form, we will assess the validity of your request, confirm by return email the attendance arrangements and then be able to establish daily registers of pupils. If you indicate that your child will attend and this changes for any reason, please let us know. Apologies for having to be so prescriptive about this; we know you will understand why this is necessary.

Please note that children will need to bring a packed lunch; there will be no catering facilities available in the school. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you indicate that you wish us to do so, we will provide them with a packed lunch.

We are awaiting definitive guidance on what constitutes 'key workers'. For now, our working definition is that key workers include NHS staff, teachers, police officers and PCSOs, prison officers, probation staff, armed forces, social workers, firefighters, workers in logistics (transport, delivery, refuse collection etc) and civil service personnel. We will provide a definitive definition when it becomes available. For now, if you believe you are a key worker and your occupation does not fall within this list please submit a form and we will discuss this with you.

There has been an indication from the Secretary of State that he would like schools to continue to provide this service to key workers over the upcoming Easter break. We will need to await further details, but if this proves to be the case we will endeavour to do so.

<b><i>Request for child to continue to attend Frittenden CEP</i></b>	
Name of child:	Class:
Name of parent/carer:	Contact details (email ideally):
Reason for request (delete as appropriate): my child has an EHCP / I am a key worker	
If because you are a key worker, occupation and employer:	
My child will attend: every day / some days / occasionally <b>(If some days or occasionally, if possible, please indicate dates of likely attendance for the next two weeks)</b>	
My child is eligible for Free School Meals: Yes / No	
If eligible for Free School Meals, I would like you to provide a packed lunch: Yes / No	

We regret very much having to put these arrangements in place and we thank you for your understanding and forbearance. We would like to take the opportunity to publicly thank all our wonderful colleagues who have worked so hard this week to allow us to keep the school open.

Our whole community is in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you are all able to navigate the next period of time with minimal difficulty and we look forward very much too when our school can be reunited and return to normal. That time will come and we will be ready.