

Dear Parents / Carers,

Today we close our doors with sadness until further notice. Homework packs and books will be sent home with all children. We will be staying in touch remotely as a school to ensure you are kept updated and on hand if any emergencies arise.

Your child will have been sent home a workbook as well as some guidance for work to do at home. Please encourage your child to take a pride in the work produced and see it as part of their learning journey during these challenging times.

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April teachers will be updating the class pages on the website and your children's learning will move to the Space + Aviation topic. We will provide guidance on how best to engage with this topic at home. It might be a good idea to save some recyclable materials so children can enjoy some design and construction activities.

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The NHS are constantly updating clear guidance about self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, whenever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

**Provision for the children of key worker children and vulnerable children.**

We have been asked by the government to continue to provide care for a limited number of children. The stipulations around who can be supported in this way have become somewhat clearer today and you will have received an email regarding these child care arrangement if you filled in the on line survey sent yesterday.

You will receive email confirmation of about these child care arrangements only if this applies to your family. This is a core service, school staff are expected to attend and support this provision, therefore we all need to be mindful of supporting in each other in these uncertain times. The core offer will run from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We will update information and service as the national picture progresses.

**Children entitled to FSM**

We will contact parents directly, but essentially families who are entitled to this service will be able to pick up a food package every week with non-perishables items. When the government announces a scheme that is planned for those in receipt of free school meals, we will update parents.

We will certainly miss the routine of school life and the laughter of your children once they leave today. Please take good care of yourselves, your families and each other.

**We have set up an email address in case of emergencies:**

[admin@thomasfairchild.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thomasfairchild.hackney.sch.uk)

This will be accessed by the senior leadership team and this is to alert us if there is a crisis you need our support with.

I encourage you all to keep checking the school website.

Thank you for your continued support, expressions of appreciation and understanding during this time.

Yours faithfully



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