17th March 2020

Dear parent/carer,

At the time of writing this, there is no specific COVID-19 concern relating to South Farnham School. The school is committed to maintaining its support of our pupils’ education whilst taking all reasonable precautions to protect all in our community from the virus.

Daily government updates received by the school continue to inform our planning and our practices around preventing the spread of germs. In addition to this, pupils are being frequently reminded to wash their hands using the soap/hand sanitiser available in each classroom and toilet, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands and to sneeze into a tissue / our elbows. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hygiene messages at home.

Whilst the advice from the Department for Education is still that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England, we would like to be prepared if a closure is necessary. Please be assured that we will not make such a decision in insolation, but will do so in consultation with PHE. In such a circumstance, the school will contact all parents by email at the earliest opportunity. Updates will also be provided on the school website.

During such school closure, we aim to continue to support all pupils’ educational progress through online teaching and learning. This will be shared on our school website found at:

<https://www.south-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=4>

Here you will find activities for your child to complete during the school closure. Please be aware that this web page will be updated with more resources when we know more about the length of the closure. It will also include a link to Mathletics and Spelldrome. In Mathletics, tasks will be assigned for the children to complete and in Spellodrome a set of spellings will be allocated for your child to learn. Once the tasks are completed on these websites, the children are free to explore the platforms further. Both online learning platforms can be updated remotely by teaching staff and allow for tracking of pupil progress. Additional support on using these online platforms can be found at:

<https://www.south-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Homework+%26%23160%3B&pid=31>

Whilst there is no closure at present, please could you check you are able to access these resources so any issues can be resolved in advance of a closure.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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