

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware from the news we have now been directed to close the school and so school will **NOT BE OPEN** to the majority of children from this Friday evening until further notice.

You need to be aware that Toddington Child Care have made a decision to close on Friday, however they will be making arrangement regarding key workers and vulnerable children today in the light of this guidance and will advise Parents/Carers separately on their arrangements as soon as possible. We are busy liaising with them on this to support families.

### So what happens next.?

**There is a lot to take in here so please read this and note what is planned.** We want to; give you as much information as we can at this point in time, try not to overwhelm you either, keep on the ball for you regarding any new information and keep in touch.

**We expect your week and our week to look like this.**

	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
Children and Parents	Zip file of work comes to you by email.  Monday website message			You send back in any work that needs returning by email to your <b>YEAR GROUP email</b>	
Key staff	Daily checks emails phone calls	Daily checks emails phone calls	Daily checks emails phone calls	Daily checks emails phone calls	Daily checks emails phone calls
School Staff	Senior staff link up	Packs are planned Year group Staff link up	Teacher Packs are planned	Teacher Packs are planned Senior Staff link up again	Teachers packs ready for Monday

- Tonight your child is coming home with a **Home workbook, a folder with a paper pack of work, 2 reading books and a library book**. They will carry these in their bags.
- If they have **medicine in school, please check you have collected that as well from the office before you leave the school site**. We have sent ongoing core skills such as reading, handwriting, spellings, number work in a paper pack in a folder too.
- Teachers will send work out to you for your child to do at you will receive this in a **weekly learning pack in a zip folder by email on Monday morning** each week to the Easter Holidays.
- The top sheet of the zip folder pack gives the things children need to do and tells you where you do that work e.g.
  - the task might be one that is on a sheet in the zip folder
  - or it might be a lesson on Purple Mash
  - or it might be found at another location, such as in a book or on an App (e.g. the Rock Stars Times Tables App for some older year groups)
  - or it could be a practical task to be done at home.
- There will also be some ideas for activity tasks in case you have to remain inside or can only access a garden space if you have one.

**How to manage the work.** We appreciate this will be different for each family and that you will be managing your own family's needs, your own work commitments and any other demands on your time. This work will be a pack that can be used at a time convenient to you and your family so you can be as flexible as you need to be. **Please do not feel worried about this-we know every family will do what they can, when they can and some things may not be done.**

Some family's will sit down at a set time and do some work with their children and then have a break before doing some more. Others will need to ask for help from relatives, childminders and friends if they are still going out to work and so we have tried to make the work something that can be flexible enough to be accessed at your home or elsewhere. You will manage the situation as convenient to yourselves and we do appreciate this means some weeks the work will be more possible to complete than in other weeks.

**Returning work.** There is information on the **top sheet** about how your child's teacher can monitor their work each week. There will be a year group email address to send work back on a **THURSDAY by 3pm** and the date to send work back will be given on the top sheet. 'Workbook work' will be reviewed when we are back in school as currently we believe teachers will not have access to the school site to collect workbooks weekly.

### **Contact with you from home**

We will check daily on any key issues. Please do send any work related questions to Year group emails not to the school office address. Response time will be within 48 hours within school hours.

We don't want to bombard you but we will be in touch via the website once a week on a Monday as well and will be ensuring staff link up to check re any ongoing concerns we need to sort out for you regarding school. They may be a few teething problems to sort out along the way but we will all get used to this change in the days ahead!

**Contact will be as follows:**

- Year group emails will be for school work only. Emails addresses will be with your zip packs.
- The website will have a Monday message and any updates-watch the banner!
- General concerns or work enquiries will be dealt with within 48 hours of receipt wherever possible to the Easter holidays
- Working hours will be school hours 8.55-3.30
- Please respect staff's privacy and please **remember they cannot contact you about school on Facebook or Social Media**-they aren't ignoring you or being rude!

**Assessments**

Government announced yesterday that assessment will be cancelled for lower school children this summer.

**Everyone's well being**

**Music!**

Remember there are great options on Purple Mash for making and listening to Music and BBC Ten pieces is a great site for listening to and finding out about wonderful pieces of Music. For most of us Music is a great pleasure -and help for our well being too!

**Free School Meals**

We have been told vouchers may become available and we will update you as soon as we have more information on this. If vouchers are not available by Monday FSM provision plans will be forwarded to those parents separately.

**Tricky times emotionally, financially or due to additional needs in the family.**

If things get very hard for families please remember there is help via the health service, community services and Social Care.

In an emergency the contact for

- [Social Care is 03003008585](tel:03003008585) and Mrs Spencer will be liaising with them regularly
- Health advice remains via the Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>
- and the NHS website **unless it is an emergency** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- [Other agencies who could help are attached on the list attached.](#)
- [Local churches](#) are just putting plans in place to support communities too and we will forward these on as we receive information

### **Keeping active**

In the zip files there will be ideas for you to keep your children physically active in the weeks ahead and further ideas will come to you weekly.

**We are really grateful for the tremendous support Parent/Carers have given the school during this tricky time.**

**We hope and pray you and your families will remain safe and well until we are all back in school together again.**

Yours sincerely,

Jane Spencer

Headteacher.

## Useful Contacts List for Parents

### **Dunstable Food Bank**

<https://dunstable.foodbank.org.uk/>

**Location:** New Life Church, 80a Houghton Road, Houghton Regis. LU5 5AD  
(opposite All Saints Academy)

**07874 200056**

**Opening hours:** Monday 2-4pm, Wednesday 10.00-12.00pm

### **Central Bedfordshire Council Children's Services Access and Referral Hub**

**0300 300 8585 (out of hours 0300 300 8123)**

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/11/children\\_and\\_young\\_people/112/child\\_protection\\_-\\_safeguarding\\_children\\_and\\_young\\_people](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/11/children_and_young_people/112/child_protection_-_safeguarding_children_and_young_people)

### **Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing for children and young people with SEND – see**

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/15/special\\_educational\\_needs\\_and\\_disability\\_-\\_local\\_offer/130/health\\_and\\_wellbeing\\_for\\_children\\_and\\_young\\_people\\_with\\_send/2](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/15/special_educational_needs_and_disability_-_local_offer/130/health_and_wellbeing_for_children_and_young_people_with_send/2)

### **Central Bedfordshire Children's Community Nursing, School Nursing and Health Visitor Team**

**0300 555 0606**

<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services/school-nursing>

<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services/health-visiting>

<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services/nursing/children's-community-nursing-service>

### **Children's Occupational Therapy**

<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services/occupational-therapy>

**01582 708141**

### **Children's Physiotherapy**

<https://www.bedfordhospital.nhs.uk/our-departments/clinical-departments/paediatrics-2/paediatric-physiotherapy/>

**01234 310278**

### **Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service**

<https://childspeechbedfordshire.nhs.uk/>

#### **Houghton Regis Health Centre**

Bedford Square Centre

Houghton Regis

LU5 5ES

Tel: 01582 708555

#### **Emotional Health and Wellbeing**

#### **Young Minds**

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>