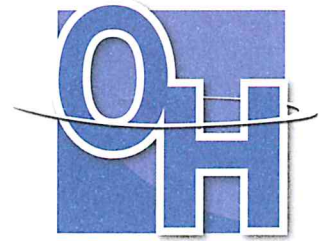


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Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

Following the government's announcement yesterday evening, Ocker Hill Academy will be closing to the majority of pupils at the end of the day on Friday 20th March 2020.

However, Ocker Hill Academy will be remaining open, during normal academy hours, for specific groups of children from Monday 23rd March. In line with government advice, the academy will be open for children of key workers and children who the government are considering vulnerable (defined on Gov.uk as children who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans). Any key workers who have not already contacted the academy, please do so as soon as possible in order for us to prepare resources and staffing for your children.

Our staff have prepared a range of work for the children to complete at home. Our approach will involve a large amount of work which can be completed online (the vast majority from Education City). With staff able to upload work for the children on a daily basis, a range of work across all core subjects, linked to our curriculum, will be available regardless of the length of absence.

Each year group will be provided with the following:

- A teacher prepared work pack
- A number of home reading books
- Online access to Times Table Rockstars/SPAG.com and Education City

The children have been provided with passwords for all online activities. Children who have not been in school over the course of the last week will receive these through the post. For Year 5 students, currently at Ingestre Hall, their packs will be given to them on arrival back at Ocker Hill. For any issues with accessibility, please contact office@ockerhill.academy and a member of staff will endeavour to support.

Regarding the provision of free school meals, we will be contacting all families, who are entitled, directly. Meals will be available for collection from the academy office between 10-10.30am Monday to Friday each week that the academy is closed. Families are asked to



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inform the academy office staff as to whether they require meals. If families require meals but are unable to collect due to self-isolation, alternative provisions can be made – please contact the academy office for details.

In such an uncertain time, we are unable to currently provide a date when the children will return to the academy. Please be assured that as soon as we have any further news, we will update you immediately.

Above all, I hope that you and your family stay safe and well during this challenging time and if the academy can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Farmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "F".

Mr Joe Farmer

Vice Principal