

19th March 2020

Dear parent/carer

As you will be aware from the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, the school will be closing for most children on Friday 20th March until further notice. It is very important that you read this letter, which provides further information to parents during this challenging time.

Keeping in contact with the school

For safety reasons, most contact between the school and parents will be through email and the school website.

We will provide weekly updates on the website (<http://www.jamescambell.com/>) and text parents to provide you with any important messages.

If you have any questions, you can email the school at office@jamescambellprimary.org.uk and we will reply to you as quickly as possible.

We are also setting up email accounts for every year group so that you can keep in contact with your class teacher during normal school hours. These addresses are as follows:

Nursery	nursery@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Reception	reception@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 1	year1@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 2	year2@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 3	year3@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 4	year4@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 5	year5@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Year 6	year6@jamescambellprimary.org.uk
Cambell Primary Centre (CPC)	cpc@jamescambellprimary.org.uk

Providing work to the children

We will continue to make every effort to ensure that your child's education is supported. Although the school is no longer open to all, the education of your children remains extremely important to us.

We will therefore be providing weekly tasks in maths, English and foundation subjects on the school website. These will be found on the children's page on the website at http://www.jamescambell.com/?page_id=4444. A text will be sent to parents when these tasks are updated. This webpage also contains a list of other useful education websites and activities.

If you do not have access to the Internet, please let us know by tomorrow (Friday 20th March) and we will provide you with a work pack to take home.

Your class teacher will be available to answer any questions you may have about the work: please email them using the addresses above.

Parents' Evening

The school closure means that Parents' Evenings are cancelled. However, if you would like a report on your child's current progress, please email your class teacher using the addresses above.

Key worker children and children with an EHC plan

As you may be aware, the children of parents in key worker occupations (including NHS staff, police and supermarket delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work to support the country's fight to tackle coronavirus), with a social worker or with an EHC plan will have the choice of continuing to attend school. If you fall into one of these groups and you would like your child to continue coming to school, please let us know before the end of school tomorrow.

Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care.

Children eligible for Pupil Premium

Arrangements are being put in place for children eligible for free school meals through the Pupil Premium. I will provide you with further information on this as soon as it is available.

Primary school assessments

The Government has confirmed that the primary school assessments for this year (year 1 phonics check, year 4 multiplication tables check, and year 2 and year 6 SATs) will not go ahead.

Please do telephone the school before the end of school tomorrow if you are unclear about anything in this letter.

I understand the disruption that the closure of the school may have on many of you. However, fighting coronavirus and protecting the vulnerable and the NHS need to be our top priorities right now.

I wish you all the best.

Joe Wilson

Headteacher