

ACKLAM WHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

“Preparing our children for their future.”

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It is with a heavy heart that we will close the school at the end of the today, Friday 20th March. As you will have seen from the Government guidance we will remain open **only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

We will operate in a reduced capacity for families which contain a critical worker including: Health and social care, Education and childcare, Key public services, Local and national government, Food and other necessary goods, Public safety and national security, Transport, Utilities, communication and financial services and children with specific needs including children with an EHCP plan, or other vulnerable needs. Evidence will be required of your employer eg. I.D. Card, letter head, pay slip etc. to be brought into the school as soon as possible.

The guidance from the Government is clear - If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

I am really sorry but if your child does not fit into those categories then they must stay at home from Monday. **This is not our decision** and we know it will create additional challenges and hardship for families but, we must follow the Government guidelines that we have been placed under to help us get through these unprecedented times. More details on the guidance for schools and the key workers can be found at <https://bit.ly/2J3V0at> We will be sending out an app form soon for you to complete ASAP to let us know if your child will be attending school on Monday.

Children have been sent a pack of work and resources to work through at home. (If your child was absent when the packs were sent out contact the school office ASAP). We have also created some year group pages on our website where you will find additional online tools where the children will be set work and updated over the coming weeks. To find the pages go to:

www.acklamwhin.co.uk – Click on Parents – Year Group Pages – Choose your child’s year.

Children will need their individual logins for Purple Mash, Mymaths, Times Table Rockstars and Numbots. You can also access the Espresso materials using the login details: username student127 password redred.

We know this will be a very difficult time for our children and we do not expect them to be working through the activities like a normal school day. We hope the children continue to learn away from a screen too and continue to be active. We will ensure there will be enough materials to keep the children learning and engaged for as long as the school is closed. If you have any problems with any logins or questions about the work set then you can contact the teachers directly, their email addresses are on their class pages. Also feel free to email your teachers any photographs of you enjoying activities to share with the rest of your class.

Some children will be entitled to a free school meal packed lunch and we will be contacting you with regards to the arrangements for collection of those in the coming days.

We will endeavour to keep open with the new arrangements for as long as we can, staffing permitting. Unfortunately, we have no indication how long it will be until we can resume a normal service, but we will keep in touch with any developments via our school app and via social media.



“There is a positive safeguarding culture at your school. The leadership team, staff and governors share the ambition to achieve the best academic outcomes for pupils and to provide high-quality personal development and welfare for pupils”.

If you would like to contact us for any support or advice, please call 01642 813938 or email awcontact@acklamwhin.co.uk. We are still here for you and our families and if we can help get you through these difficult times, we will do our best. As well as NHS services, there are other support agencies that you can access including Qwell – the free online Mental Health and Well-Being Support service available 7 days a week. You can contact them via www.qwell.io

The Acklam Whin family will stay strong and together throughout the coming months, despite being apart. Our priorities are to support the children and families working at home, those who will continue to be at school and our staff and families who are working tirelessly to keep things moving forward.

Thank you for your constant support. We wish you and your families all the very best and we will all keep going.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gamble', written in a cursive style.

Mr Gamble