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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by thanking you for your support and understanding through what is proving to be a challenging time for all of us. I understand that many of you will be anxious and concerned about the next few months, but rest assured that we are doing everything we can to support your children through this time.

As you will all be aware, the Government has asked that all schools remain open. We are following their advice, but we want to reassure you that despite the challenging situation, Knighton Mead Primary Academy is focused on ensuring that your children continue to receive the best possible education. All of our teachers and staff are working hard to deliver our planned curriculum. We also want to support your children in relation to their health and well-being and maintain the high standards of cleanliness of the facilities.

Until further notice, there will be no assemblies in school (badges will be caught up on at a later date and all parent events (inc Parents Evening) and trips will be cancelled.

Our school has already started to inform your children, in a calm way, how to avoid the spread of this virus. These include:

- All children, age appropriate taught by their class teachers about germs and how easily they are spread.
- All children are being taught how to wash their hands properly, and are being made to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
- Soap dispensers are being refilled daily.
- Reminding all children that they can talk to their trusted adult in school if they need help or are feeling worried.

In addition the principals of all the primary schools have met to discuss our next steps in the event of a closure:

- There is much discussion on how we will make sure that children eligible for free school meals will be able to access lunches. Further information will follow.
- Staff are planning for learning resources to be made available to your children via our school website. During the first two weeks of a closure this will involve reading, spelling and times tables activities. In the event of a longer closure, additional activities will be available.
- This week, all our children and parents will be reminded of how to access these resources from the school websites.
- We are planning a well-being helpline for children in the event of a closure lasting more than a week (not including the scheduled holidays).

At this moment in time, we are unaware of any planned changes to the assessment arrangements, such as phonic testing and Key Stage 2 SATs. We will keep you informed should this change. Please note that work will not be set for children that are self-isolating outside of a school closure, however we encourage them to read books and practice their spellings and times tables.

New information is being released daily. We will continue to take advice and guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education. School closure is only permissible if advised directly by the government.

We will be updating our website and social media sites as and when updates are available. As a reminder, our Twitter handle is @knighton-tmet.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Robson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jenny Slinger

Principal

Knighton Mead Primary Academy

Carolyn Robson

Chief Executive Officer

The Mead Educational Trust