



# Forton Primary School

7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents

The government has asked **parents to keep their children at home**, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children **who absolutely need to attend**.

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. **However, the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.**

Our staffing levels are at such, at this point in time, that we can offer a place to children with one parent critical workers, however, if our staffing levels were to reduce then we could only offer places in school to vulnerable and children of two critical worker parents.

If we have any positive cases in school, we will unfortunately, have to fully close school and move everyone onto on-line learning for the period of isolation.

School is open for normal hours, please do not hesitate to contact us if you need more stationery and reading books and we will arrange a pick up slot.

Some tips for on-line learning you may find helpful:-

Maintain the routine of the school week

Don't spend all day in pyjamas – get up and dressed before school starts, so children are in the right frame of mind for learning (remember! during a Zoom lesson, we can see everything in the camera line, as can other children!)

Set up a workstation, where possible, so you have a clear work space

Get outside for fresh air and exercise throughout the day as you would at school

All the zoom meeting have been planned as a progression of learning by your child's teacher, therefore, dropping in and out will have a negative impact on your child's learning. Please attend all the sessions.

Below are some links families can access to request free mobile data increases for students without broadband and/or who cannot afford extra data for devices. Three Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile and Sky Mobile are all taking part in the scheme:

More information here:

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data?fbclid=IwAR35NuGc4NAAJaorBlDd95OsXPrQwLEkUKYIWzGwei1zm9bFnOm-B9Z-v5Y>



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This site may also be of use to you.

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access>

AM and PM club will still be running on a needs only basis. The times for the clubs for this period are as follows:-

AM Club - 8.00 am – 8.30 am  
PM Club - 3.15 pm – 5.00 pm

There is no need to book for the clubs, but we ask that you let us know on the morning if you need PM club provision.

Thank you for your continued support of the school in this difficult period.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lorna Boase

