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Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Following yesterday's Government announcement, King Ina C of E Academy will close at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March 2020.

We are currently planning provision for the children of key workers such as NHS staff, Police and other frontline workers and vulnerable children. We are awaiting the official guidance stating which parents are classed as key workers. As soon as we receive this information we will email it to you, to see if you fall in to one of the key worker or vulnerable pupils categories.

Once you have this information, to allow us to plan our provision, please let us know **by 9am tomorrow morning (Friday 20th)** if you belong to one of these categories and **if you need** your child to remain in school. You can do this by emailing the school mailbox: kinginajunior@educ.somerset.gov.uk or kinginainfants@educ.somerset.gov.uk or calling the school office on: 01458 272537 or 01458 272587. Within the email please state:

- Child's name and class
- Occupation and employer's details of each parent/carers

These are our 'virtual school' arrangements to enable pupils to work online whilst they are at home. Pupils (who are fit to study) will be expected to complete the work set by their teachers (all the while they are well) and to seek any necessary guidance from their teachers during their usual school hours.

From Monday 23rd March we will be using our eschools pages for pupils to work online. Teachers will communicate with pupils by sending tasks via the 'homework' as part of 'my class'.

Each week, children will be set the following work/activities as a minimum:

- Daily reading – please continue to complete children's reading logs once you have read with them. We will be sending home 2 reading books per child to get the children started. Accelerated Reader for pupils in Years 2 to 6 has been enabled so that pupils can 'quiz' at home.
- Weekly spellings/sounds: All children will be set a new spelling list to learn each week. Children in Reception will need continue practising their sounds (in book bags) and teachers will set links to sound games via eschools.
- Writing task: Each week the teachers will set a new writing task for the children to complete. This will either be completed online or in an exercise book that will be sent home.
- Athletics: Children in Years 1 to 6 will be set five Athletics activities to complete per week. Children in Reception will be asked to complete activities from Top Marks, a free online maths tool.
- Timestables Rockstars: Children in Years 2 to 6 should practise their timestables regularly using this online tool.

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- Topic work: Children will be asked to complete a task linked to their topic work each week.

Teachers may set additional tasks to the above and details will be contained within the relevant eschools page.

The children have got passwords for accessing eschools, Mathletics, Timestables Rockstars and we will be making sure the children know these passwords over the next couple of days. To enable the children to 'quiz' on Accelerated Reader at home, parents will need to enter this web address: <https://Ukhosted11.renlearn.co.uk/2231936>. Please let the school know as soon as possible if any passwords do not work. I would just like to remind you that children's passwords must be kept securely and remain confidential. Should you have any concerns about children's online activity during the school closure, please email the school office.

For children who do not have access to the internet or a device for working on, we will be sending home paper English and Maths learning packs, exercise books and reading books. These will be delivered to your homes if children are already staying at home.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the school closure please email the school office kinginajuniors@educ.somerset.gov.uk or kinginainfants@educ.somerset.gov.uk with the subject title 'Safeguarding'. If a concern is urgent please contact Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224 or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

Office emails will be monitored between 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday and any emails sent outside of this time will be responded to on the following working day. We will keep you up to date with any changes and developments as we hear about them.

Although there is no replacement for your child receiving quality first teaching from their class teacher, we believe that the work provided is an interim solution to ensure that your child has continued access to the curriculum. We hope you feel reassured that provision will continue in a way that is manageable for families.

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. We hope that you and your families stay well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Svenson

Headteacher