



# Thameside Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

## School Closure: Information for Parents and Carers

Following the government announcements yesterday, Thameside Primary will be **closed on Monday** for the majority of our students.

## Free School Meal Information

If your child(ren) receives **free school meals** (i.e. is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant PPG, **not** universal free school meals which is available to all of our FS, Y1 & Y2 children) then we would like to invite them to come to school to collect a meal for their children at **12:00pm on a daily basis**. We will send out more information to our families in receipt of PPG about ordering this lunch as soon as it is finalised.

## Information for families who are key workers or vulnerable

Thameside Primary will **remain open** from Monday to children with either an EHCP, an allocated social worker or parents who are key workers. Thank you to our amazing staff who will manage this provision on a rota system.

The DfE **have still not** contacted schools with a definitive list of key worker roles.

As soon as we have this list, we will send out a text asking parents to email [deputy@thameside.reading.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@thameside.reading.sch.uk) if they are a key worker and would like a school place from Monday.

## **School hours will be:**

8:45 – 3:15

## **School meals:**

Children can bring in a packed lunch or have school meals as usual.

## **Easter holidays:**

We will let key worker parents know what the provision during the Easter holidays will look as soon as we can. I can say with some certainty that there will be some childcare provision on offer for children of key workers. However, I have not yet been informed as to whether this offer will also apply to children with either an EHCP or an allocated social worker.

## **Wellbeing**

Anna Freud Centre have developed these video to support children and families at times of disruption: one for [parents](#) and one for [children and young people](#).



The Weller Centre would like you to know that they are continuing to stay open and will do so unless ordered otherwise. Their staff will be on site to offer advice, guidance and a cup of tea! From Monday 23 March for the following 2 weeks they plan to hold a breakfast club from 10-12 (free of charge). They have been given a large donation of children's books, so would like to encourage parents to come along and collect some books to help keep the children occupied during the weeks ahead without school. They also have adult books for the parents to read.

### Home Learning

To remind you that we have made the provision to provide online learning through Purple Mash and other key programmes.

### Home Learning Links:

<https://www.thamesideprimary.co.uk/page/?title=home+Learning+Links&pid=215>

### School closure contact information:

<https://www.thamesideprimary.co.uk/page/?title=SCHOOL+closure+CONTACT+INFORMATION&pid=280>

***\*\*Please visit this page of our website to see who you should contact if you have any difficulties with home learning.\*\****

The children all have login details for their Purple Mash accounts in their reading records, as well as a login for Sumdog and for Accelerated Reader.

We would expect that pupils complete this range of activities on a daily basis:

- Purple Mash assigned tasks
- Read for 10 minutes (We will ensure that Accelerated Reader is open to be able to quiz at home which means that any books -belonging to home or school- that they read can be quizzed on.)
- Sumdog maths for 10 minutes

Children will also be told what their next 'Own Work Project' is which they could make a start on at home.

**Teachers will be monitoring** pupil's online learning during term time closures.

We would like you to know that Reading Borough Council has also contacted schools today to offer us their support and to give us more information as to their Reading wide strategy, which they are continually updating.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for their kind words of support at this difficult time.

Warmest wishes,

*SL Greenaway*

Sophie Greenaway  
Headteacher

