



## The Valley Federation of Edale C of E and Hope Primary Schools

19.3.20

Dear Parents/Carers,

We realise that the closing of our federation schools from the end of the day this Friday will be a difficult time for many families and hope that you are able to support and help each other in the weeks and months ahead.

For those of you who think you may meet the category of key worker (e.g. front line services - we are still waiting for exact confirmation of roles), we now need to ask you to supply us with information regarding your role, employer and whether or not you will be wanting your children to continue to attend school from Monday. At this stage, we are planning for provision to be in one of our cluster schools and transport can be provided. Your response by tomorrow would be very helpful in order for the cluster schools to plan for how and where we can best provide a service.

**Name of child(ren) and year group(s):**

**Name of all parents/carers:**

**Employment details for all parents/carers (in brief, e.g. role, employer, hours):**

We will then collate the information and consult with the Local Authority, DfE and other schools in the area to ensure we are fully compliant. We will then update families as soon as possible with the proposed arrangements for these children.

### Home Learning

Your child(ren) will be provided with a pack of paper based materials and online materials. Please let us know if you DO NOT have access to a computer.

On Facebook, you can join the group 'Snapdragon T'ai Chi - for schools' and there will be a live stream every Thursday morning from 10 til 11am. Paul White, our usual T'ai Chi teacher, will be doing activities that you and your child(ren) can join in with and will answer any questions about well-being and relaxation.

### Communicating with staff members

Teachers will be available on their work e-mails for queries regarding your children's learning. They can be contacted on:

Hawks - [swinfield1@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:swinfield1@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Owls - [nadinew1@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:nadinew1@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Puffins - [sclifton@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:sclifton@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Swallows - [jgarmeson@edale.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:jgarmeson@edale.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Please use [headteacher@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@hope.derbyshire.sch.uk) or [headteacher@edale.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@edale.derbyshire.sch.uk) to contact myself regarding safeguarding or any other concerns or queries.

We will inform you by text when new information/activities go on the websites. We will also use texting and the website to inform you as and when plans arise for re-opening our schools.

### Available support

- DfE helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:  
Phone: 0800 046 8687  
Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)  
Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and weekends from 10am to 4pm
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Samaritans: 116 123
- Kooth: <https://www.kooth.com/> (fee, safe and anonymous online support for young people)

Please rest assured that our staff will continue to work tirelessly to support you during this challenging time. We very much look forward to seeing you all again as soon as is possible.

Take care of yourselves.

Kind Regards

Miss S Fisher

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