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Houghton Conquest
Lower School

Growing together

Headteacher
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Value of the month: Patience

Monday 6th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: School Closure

Sadly over the recent weeks as a school we have seen a rising number of staff and families having to isolate as they start to display symptoms of COVID-19. This is in line with the increasing national trend.

After careful consideration and in conjunction with the local and national authorities, I write to inform you that Houghton Conquest Lower School will be closed for **14 days** as of Monday 6th April. We will reopen on **Tuesday 21st April** for children of key working parents and vulnerable children. Please note we will communicate to you as and when the whole school opens to all pupils, as we are advised by the Government.

This closure period would allow sufficient time to mitigate the risk of transition of the virus. The school will also go through a thorough cleaning process before the children come back to the setting on the Tuesday 21st April.

We do apologise for any inconvenience caused but are sure you would agree that it is in the best interests of our school family that this action is taken.

We are aware that key working parents and carers' roles or shift patterns may change during the next 14 days, changing your childcare requirements. If your child requires care during this time we would welcome you to make contact on office@hcschool.org.uk to request assistance in providing alternative childcare. You may be offered childcare at a local surrounding school during the time we are closed. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.



Free School Meals Continuation

Free School Meals will be continued to be provided from under the canopy area at the school. However we do ask that you come and **collect your lunch strictly between 11am and 11.20am, daily**. Please continue to use the walk in gate to access this. To reiterate the staff will not be going into school during this time, however will be there to supervise the distribution of Free School Meals for this short time to entitled parents.

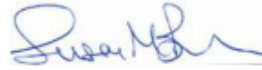
Yours sincerely



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