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Dear Parents,

As you are no doubt aware, the Government's guidance on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed from the 'contain' phase to one of delaying the spread of the virus. The Government continues to issue guidance and details of increased measures, including the announcement that <u>all</u> schools are to have closed last week.

The School is currently closed. The Government have asked parents to where possible keep their children at home.

We are however, able to share with you a variety of home learning resources and activities which may be of use during the school closures.

Home Learning

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to support your child to learn. You child will have brought home some resources, but we would like to share with you some regular online learning resources we currently use, please see the enclosed list. We are currently reviewing how we can further ensure continuity of our pupils' education with a further investment in technological resources. School staff have also agreed to work for an extra ½ hour every day, through lunch time next term, to compensate for teaching time lost.

Should you wish to extend beyond the resources provided, please refer to the enclosed list of online resources.

A bank of useful resources which cover many topics are now available on the Twinkl website: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/covid19-school-closures

Please continue to bear in mind that whilst there is online learning taking place, regular reminders of safe internet use are recommended. Further e-safety guidelines can be located at https://nationalonlinesafety.com/

We reiterate that the School will re-open fully as soon as we can and we will let you know when this is by communicating through email and posting this onto the School website: <u>www.stwinefrides.com</u>.

Kind regards,

Sr. M. Felicity, Mr R Goody and Mrs L Rowley.

Please find below, information from the Shropshire Parenting Scheme:

The Parenting Team will continue our service of telephone consultations. Parents and carers simply need to call our office on 01743 250950 or email parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk to arrange a consultation at a time convenient to them.

Taking the current situation into account our team can support parents and carers with:

- managing difficult questions and worries from children due to the current situation
- managing challenging behaviour which might be a result of the changes to their everyday lives
- suggestions on activities with children

In the current situation and with schools closed this might become a lifeline for parents and carers.

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