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Dear Parent / Carers

### Partial School Closure from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Please read the attached letter from Mark Farmer CEO of Bridge Academy Trust announcing the partial closure of Bridge Academy Trust schools.

As you are aware as an infant school we do not have formal examinations and Yr 6, 11 or 13 pupils. We do currently have staff who are able to attend school and provide an education for your child but this is changing on a daily basis due to the new government self-isolation guidelines to fight the spread of the Coronavirus.

**If you are concerned regarding the impact of school closure on your child and / or your family, please note your child can still attend school at this time. If you are able to keep your child at home thus supporting our ability to prioritise the available human and physical resources for the children and families that need it most, it would be appreciated.**

Our Teachers have been preparing resources for children to access their learning at home. These will be sent to parents via email, Tapestry for EYFS classes and will be available on our website [www.mildmayinfants.co.uk](http://www.mildmayinfants.co.uk)

We will text you when the work has been finalised and is available.

#### Clubs / Breakfast Club

Please note; if your child will be attending school between Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April there will be **no Breakfast Club provision** during this time. All before and after school clubs will also be cancelled from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This includes school run and privately run clubs including Dance and Basketball.

#### Lunches

We request that any children attending school bring a packed lunch however lunches will be provided for children who access pupil premium funding; the menu however may vary. Please let the school office know if you will require a lunch to be provided for your child.

Please could you email us on [Parents@mildmay-inf.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Parents@mildmay-inf.essex.sch.uk) by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and indicate if your child will or will not be attending school during our partial closure. Please include your child's name and class in the email. Receipt of this information from you will help us greatly when planning staffing. The email will be for monitoring purposes only – we will not be able to reply.

This decision has not been made lightly and we will continue to review our capacity on a daily basis. This includes any further guidance given to schools by the DfE. Thank you so much for your support in these challenging times and please take care of yourselves.

Kind Regards

Mrs Bradford



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18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) update from Bridge Academy Trust**

All of our schools have been in communication with you about the advice received from Public Health England, Local Authority and The Department for Education regarding the Coronavirus. We will continue to take account of this advice.

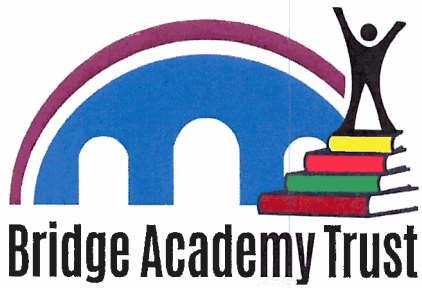
I have today, met with all 8 Headteachers and Chief Officers in the Trust to carry out a collective risk assessment for our schools. We all believe that daily national updates will present a declining picture, but, even without this, we are facing the following “real”, current situation for our schools: -

- A significant and growing number of children absent from school.
- A growing number of Teaching and Support Staff self-isolating, including Site Staff, Catering Staff and First Aiders.
- Supplies and resources running lower and lower, without any guarantees of fresh deliveries anytime soon. (Educational materials, food, hygiene and cleaning materials).
- Public examinations that, to date, are still going ahead as planned by Ofqual.

Given all of the above, the decision made by Bridge Academy Trust for all of its schools, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, is: -

- Our schools will remain “open” but with a severely limited service.
- Until we hear differently from Ofqual, we have a duty to those children who will sit public examinations (this Summer), and so the schools will open fully for Children in Years 6, 11 and 13.
- Whilst lesson’s will continue for Years 6, 11 and 13 (where possible), work will be provided by each school for any children unable to attend, due to illness or self-isolation.
- Each school will communicate how they will provide work for children in all other year groups.
- We fully appreciate that these arrangements might cause you some difficulty. Therefore, if your child is not in Years 6, 11 or 13 and you have problems supervising them at home, please contact your school, who will do their best to accommodate them.
- Any child attending school is asked to bring a packed lunch with them, due to a very limited catering service.
- Any child in receipt of a free school meal who is attending school, will be provided for.
- Each school will communicate any additional information to you, and, unless there is a national directive which may alter these arrangements, they will stay in place from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.

These are very difficult times and each day brings with it more challenges. Thank you for your continued support to date and my additional thanks to the school leaders and their staff for managing this situation extremely well.



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Finally, whilst we all face this National Health Emergency, a reminder to us all to follow the advice given to us regarding our hygiene routines.

Please look after yourselves and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M.Farmer  
CEO, Bridge Academy Trust

