



19th March 2020

Headteacher: Mrs C Hurst BA(hons) PGCE NPQH NLE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 20th March until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your occupation may fall into one of these categories and you will need your child in school.

If you believe you may be a key worker please email or phone the school office with your child's name and class and the occupation of **all** parent/carers in the household.

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure - as you may have heard in the news - so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by email and a notice on the website. Please make sure you have provided school with an email address so you are kept up to date.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home:

Please bear with us whilst we coordinate providing the following provisions in place:

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

Providing homework in homework packs for each child.

Providing remote learning websites to access from home for each year group.

Adding spellings and ongoing homework maps to class pages on the website.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

- School trips
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- Internal tests (SATs)

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates throughout the day.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Hurst', written in black ink.

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