

Thursday 16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I am now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children children from Monday 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 an EHC plan.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means but, in the meantime, please let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Contact the school office with your name, role and the name/s and year group of your family. **It is essential that we know as soon as possible if you are a key worker and are planning to send your child to school so that we can organize suitable provision.**

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, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by publishing it on the School website. You can still contact the school office through the email address at the top of the letter.

What to do while your child is at home

Your child's learning remains important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn in the following ways:

- Your child will provided with a learning pack to complete at home
- You will receive a suggested timetable for ideas on how to structure your day
- The website has addirional resources and learning opportunities for you to tap into
- Children have a Purple Mash account. The children can access work independently and their teachers will check this periodically
- We would encourage you to use this time to share a book with your child, play games and try to turn this difficult situation into positive family time

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. We will communicate this to you through the School website.

What we will not be able to go ahead with

- School trips
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

This is as much as we know at this time and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family, and we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you have any concerns or queries during school closure, please share these with us through e-mailing the office. We will do our best to get in touch as quickly as we are able.

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

Carol Askins
Headteacher