

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following the announcement by Boris Johnson last night, I am writing to confirm that we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 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 so we can identify those parents who are keyworkers and the children who are affected. We will issue a Parentmail as soon as we have clarification.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Our aim is to get most, if not all, of the curriculum resource packs home with your child today. We will deliver the packs to those children who are currently self-isolating.

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

This is as much as we know right now 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 it is far from ideal, but we will continue to update you as the situation develops.

Anyone who is concerned about health symptoms is advised to follow the advice about what to do on the Government's website (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>) and [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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