



22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Coronavirus update – reminder of school closure to most pupils**

I'm sure like many of us, you could still be reeling from last week. There will be more communication to follow and going forward, but I just wanted to remind you all that from today, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, school will be closed to almost all children.

While we are very sad that this is the situation, we know it is the right thing to do to keep us safe and have followed the latest government advice.

**Therefore, we do not expect to see your children on Monday unless:**

- Any parent or carer in your household is a critical worker and you won't be able to care for your child or children at home.
- They have a child protection plan
- They have an education, health and care plan
- We have decided that it is best for your child to attend school

If your child falls into one of the categories above and you haven't already told us, please let us know immediately with a phone call or email on Monday. If we are not expecting to see your child on Monday morning, we will need to send them home.

All children will need to come through the front door when they arrive, no back doors or gates will be open around school. The Playing Field gate will also remain locked as we envisage all of our children to come to the front of school. To keep with the routine as best as possible, we are asking children to come in school uniform and have trainers and wellies with them. We will not need their packs as these are for home learning; school will follow as closely to the routine as possible with extra forest school and PE, art and craft where possible.

The school office will be open however, we will not be opening the hatch and conversations are best over the telephone or through the glass if needed.

**Pupils who receive free school meals**

We had very much started to sort this early last week but we were asked to hold off until the government scheme was in place. Apologies, we are still awaiting clarity on how to get this provision to you but if your child receives free school meals and isn't eligible to attend school from Monday, we can help supply a hot dinner on Monday and will then put plans in place going forward. Please contact the school if you would like to collect a hot dinner on Monday for your child(ren). I believe we are ordering all hot meals on Monday to be jacket potato. Thanks.

I know this is a difficult time for many of you, and the next few weeks will be an adjustment for all of us. We are doing everything we can to support your children and families at this time and appreciate your patience and support. Please do help us by following the advice set out above.

I'll be back in touch with more information as soon as possible. There will be further letters on Monday about the pack sent home last week and the Friday newsletter will also be sent.

We are all being advised by the government to keep our interactions with others to a minimum, in order to reduce the chance of spreading the virus. This means avoiding meeting with friends and staying at home as much as possible.

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

Kind regards, Tracey Hart

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