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Thursday, 19 March 2020

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 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 child may fall into one of these categories. If you feel that you are a key worker then please call the school as soon as possible and ask to speak to **Ms Hutton**. 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 the usual school communications methods. Our website and Social Media accounts will also be updated with this information as well.

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

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. Teachers are currently preparing detailed packs for parents to take home tomorrow to continue your child's learning at home. These resource packs will include a variety of learning opportunities which we expect the children to engage in daily. The resource packs will contain a covering letter detailing our expectations for children's learning at home. It is vital that our children do not spend weeks at home engaging in little or no learning, it will be the responsibility of each of you to ensure that your child has good daily routines that involve time set aside for learning.



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Some of you will be wondering how you contact the school or your child's class teacher should you need to during the school closure. Again, we will share details of this with you by tomorrow. Rest assured that we are looking at ways to keep in regular contact with you, to support both you and your child at this difficult 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.

From Monday all school clubs will be cancelled, this includes before and after school clubs, Little Market and Karate Club on Fridays.

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's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via our school number – 01708 932710.

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 soon.

Yours sincerely,

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