



March 19th 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

I am 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 in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. You can do this by calling the office on 0207 4851947 and speaking to a member of the admin team.

We will also be in contact with those families individually over the day.

**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 sending a text and putting a notice on our 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.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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 any families have particular worries about how they will manage the school closure, or feel they will need additional support over this period, please call or come and speak to us.

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 when we can.

Take care,

Jacquie Phelan