

Dear Parents and Carers

Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

I am writing to further update you on the situation regarding the Coronavirus as it applies to us here at school following yesterday's announcement that **all schools in England will close for most pupils.**

There have been many questions and significant confusion following the announcement. Along with all schools, however, our school will close for the **majority of pupils** from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and will only remain open from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 **for vulnerable children and children of key-worker parents.**

We are awaiting clarification on which parents will be classified as key worker parents, whose children can attend school, and will publish this on our website as soon as we receive it. In the meantime I would be grateful if you would contact us if you think that you might meet the criteria of a key worker parent in light of the government's announcement yesterday so that we can begin to plan for the number of children that might be able to attend school on Monday.

I will contact the parents of vulnerable children separately.

I must clarify that the role of the school has changed from being an educational setting to being a safe place for children and it will be managed by a skeleton staff to further minimise the risk of infection.

The school will provide a packed lunch free of charge for pupils who are in school unless you choose to provide a packed lunch for them yourselves.

If requested, we will also provide a packed lunch for children who are entitled to a free school meal and are not able to attend school. This relates to children who are entitled to a free school meal on financial grounds only as the universal entitlement to free school meals for all children under the age of seven no longer applies.

For the majority of children, who will not be at school on Monday, there is an extensive list of activities in which they can be involved to extend their learning on our web site along with a list of links to educational websites.

Thank you for your continued support in these unprecedented times in which we are all endeavouring to do our bit at a time of national uncertainty.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

