



Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Dear parents/carers,

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As you know 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.

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 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 text/e-mail.

Who is a key worker? Do I need to register?

The list of key workers has not been created/shared with the LA/schools at this time. I have phoned the education helpline and they do not hold this information at present either. As soon as we have it we will forward it on to you with any information/instructions given on how to register.

If you know you will be in this group of key workers (ie you work in the police, NHS, teaching) then we would be grateful if you could inform the school office by e-mail to help us prepare. At present we cannot answer questions around which jobs are considered 'front line workers' as we do not have this information.)

What about free school meals?

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how there may be support offered – we have not received this information yet.

What will be cancelled?

We are unsure with regard to how long we will be away from school and how we will be expected to operate when we return. Unfortunately most school events, enrichment experience and trips are likely to be cancelled if we continue to work within present guidelines.

The DfE has stated that testing for all primary groups will not happen this year. That means Y1 Phonic screening, Y2 Phonic Screening re-sits, Y6 SATS. We believe end of EYFS and Y2 data will not be collected as usual as well. We undertake our own assessments of children each term and this information will be shared with secondary schools to support the transition of Y6 children.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. I have waited until late today to send you this letter in case more information was created/shared.

We understand school closure will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal. We will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Thank you again for your continued support,

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