

To All Parents and Carers

19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following my last update, I am 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 tomorrow 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. Please contact School Office staff by telephone or email giving your child's name, class, the frontline service in which you work and your role. We are already aware of those children with EHCPs and those who have a social worker, but of you believe your child to be vulnerable for another reason, please let Office staff know in the same way. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure to whom this actually applies.

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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by sending you a text, informing you via ParentMail and putting the information on the website.

What we will continue doing while your child is at home:

We will continue to help your child to learn. We really need your support to make this happen, and I will send details separately of what this learning will look like, how long your child should spend on it and how you can get in contact with your child's teacher for help, support and feedback.

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.

What we won't be able to go ahead with:

School trips;

Breakfast and after-school clubs;

Events including Parents' Evenings

Internal exams or tests, including the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Year 2 SATs, the Year 4

Multiplication Tables Check and Year 6 SATs.

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 is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via the School Office telephone or email.



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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 – you have been absolutely brilliant - and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "SBellingham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susannah Bellingham
Head Teacher