

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 will help us if you can let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to, what information we want and how you should communicate it to us.

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 text and on our website.

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.

- Parents and pupils can find work set for them on Go 4 Schools. Students know about mymaths, mathwhizz, and SAM Learning as well as GCSE Bitesize, GCSE Pod, Seneca learning for KS4 students. We would also like students to do 30 minutes of reading every day.
- We recommend that your child follows their regular school timetable when completing their work in the different subjects – timetable detail is available on Go 4 Schools.
- Staff who are available can be contacted via email between the hours of 8.40am and 3pm each working day for queries if your child has any about the work that has been set.

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
- Parent evenings
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- External exams



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.

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. It has been fantastic the way our community has come together at this difficult time for us all. We respectfully ask that you don't call or email in with queries about this situation because beyond this letter we don't have anything more to add at this stage, but please be reassured that we will be in touch with more information later on today.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Gabbi
Principal

