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**Re: Coronavirus update -
school closure to most
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Dear parents/carers

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 (this list is provisional in advance of the cabinet office list) which has been defined below as: • Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Early Years Practitioners

- NHS staff
- Social Care (Adult and Children) and Family Support Staff (Early Help)
- Police staff including those responsible for Probation services
- Prison staff
- Fire Brigade staff
- Care workers
- Emergency Planners
- Food Services Workers
- School Catering staff
- Local Authority staff identified by letter as essential

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know as soon as possible by calling the school office whether you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please contact the office with your child's name and class. We need to confirm whether they will be attending school next week.

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 writing to you via parent mail and posting a notice onto 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. Please note that your child has been sent home with:

- A two week learning pack
- A timetable informing them of what they need to do (this will also be uploaded onto the website) and will be updated weekly
- A list of websites that will support the learning

Please can you ensure that your child follows the timetable and completes the work set.. It is important that they continue to focus on learning and read daily as if they were in school.

If your child usually receives free school meals we ask you to get in touch to let us know. This is important as we need to establish how many meals to prepare.



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This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Smith

