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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 such as having a social worker or an EHCP.

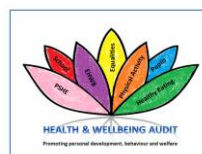
We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means. It would help us in the meantime if you could let us know by contacting the **school office before 3pm today (Thursday)** if you think your child may fall into one of these categories and you require them to attend school during the closures. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

**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 emailing you / sending out letters and putting information on our Facebook page.

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. We have started a 'Learning at Home' section of our school website and paper packs will be going out this week with suggested activities for the next two weeks.



We will be producing more structured week-by-week learning suggestions for after the Easter holidays. These will be added to the school website as we work through them. Please keep an eye on our website for updates. I will try and flag up key changes using the Facebook page too.

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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so.

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.

Kind Regards

*Rebecca*