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Re: Coronavirus update - school closure to most pupils

Following on from my latest update, I am writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children at 3:30 on Friday 20th March for an indefinite period.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (eg, NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) as well as for vulnerable pupils. At this stage, we are waiting for the government to publish more information on the finer details about what is expected of schools. Once finalised, school will be in touch so that you can inform us if you are a key worker. However, staff will be available on the playground this morning for you to speak to. We are also expecting clarity around the 'vulnerable children' definition. Once we know how many pupils we are catering for, we can then make definitive plans.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd March onwards.

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

Your child's learning is of course very important to us and we will continue to help your child learn during this period of school closure. Information will be sent out regarding your child's home learning and parents and pupils will be able to find the work that has been set on our school website.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will provide this with support from a government scheme that has just been announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your 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 keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. I would like to thank our community for the fantastic support that has been shown towards our school. Staff have also been amazing, despite the challenging circumstances. Whilst we may not see each other as frequently over the next few weeks, please continue to look after yourselves and support each other.

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.

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