



## Coronavirus update – 19/3/20

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from 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 20 March 2020 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 would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. [A survey will be sent out to all parents today to complete to gather this information.] We will 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by [details will be emailed to parents and posted on our Facebook page and website].

### **What we will continue doing while your child is at home**

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn:

- The big focus for our school and our children is reading and we would urge parents to use the Oxford Owl website where a variety of e-books are available to download
- Packs will be sent home for each year group with a variety of activities
- Information regarding educational websites will be distributed

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 will not be able to go ahead with**

- School trips
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

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 don't hesitate to do so via the office

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please follow the government advice and if directed to [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Kind Regards

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