

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Closure of schools due to Coronavirus

We thank you for your patience in these difficult times.

As you will have heard, yesterday the Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered the closure of all schools to most pupils in England from 5pm on Friday of this week. This is to limit the spread of the Coronavirus.

We therefore ask you to comply with the Government's wishes and keep your children at home on Monday 23rd March 2020 and until further notice. At the moment, we do not know when the school will re-open.

We have also been asked to keep a part of the school open with a small skeleton staff, so that we can look after some of our most vulnerable pupils and the children of key workers.

On Monday, the school **will** be open at the normal times for pupils of workers in the following sectors:

- NHS
- Military
- Social Care
- Police
- Fire Service
- Education - teachers, teaching assistant and Head teachers etc.
- Transport – Bus and train services.
- Prison Service
- Delivery Drivers/Supermarkets workers.

The school **will** also be open to any pupils who:

- have a named Social Worker; or
- have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP).
- Pupils with SEND.

If your family falls into one of these categories, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

We will make a list of pupils to expect on Monday.

We need this information to ensure we have the correct staff in school and to cater for school lunches, etc.

We know this is a worrying time, so please also contact the school office if you need any further information or help.

Yours Sincerely

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