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19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

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.**

Children of Key Workers

As announced by the government, we will be staying open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, teachers, delivery drivers, others in frontline services) and vulnerable children (those with identified needs).

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but in the meantime, it would help us, if you could let us know if you fall into this category of a **key worker** and would therefore need to send your child to school in the coming weeks.

Please call us on **0121 464 7933** or pop into the office to tell us as soon as possible:

- Your role (e.g. NHS staff)
- Your employer (e.g. Heartlands Hospital)
- Your child's name and class

Vulnerable Children

We are also working to identify the vulnerable children and will be contacting parents on an individual basis to confirm if they will be attending school from Monday onwards. However, if you feel your child meets this category and you are not contacted by 1.00pm on Friday 20th March could you please contact the school office and ask to speak to a member of the SLT who will be happy to discuss the options with you.

All other children

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. If children do turn up and they are not on the list (i.e. they do not meet the criteria set by the Government) then parents will be contacted and asked to take their child/ren home. If parents are not available to do this, we will be contacting the police or social services.

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 letter via a text message.



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Free school meals

If your child usually receives free school meals and your child is not at school, then you are entitled to pick up a packed lunch from the school.

Could you please let the school know by 3.30pm today, if you want to pick a packed lunch on a daily basis from the school for your child/ren. If we do not hear from you by 3.30pm today then we will presume that you will not want to take up this offer of a packed lunch.

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.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](https://111.nhs.uk).

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Williams

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