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NEWSLETTER

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Coronavirus Update- School Closure

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.** We are no longer an educational setting but an emergency care facility for children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. I have to inform you that if there are not enough children to warrant school opening or enough staff to care for the children then we will have to refer you to the Local Authority to find another school to attend. Gavin Williamson Secretary Of State for Education has said today:

'School will be closed to everyone except children of key workers and vulnerable children from Monday, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus. Examples of these workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

A full list of key worker categories will be published by the Cabinet Office tomorrow. Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care.'

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 by completing the slip on the back page and returning it to school tomorrow by 9.00am, we will have to ask for proof of employment. I must stress we are not available to care for any other children apart from those identified by the Cabinet Office. I have had a lot of parents saying they need care and that we should be providing it, however that is not the case. We are all meant to be minimising social contact and that include staff, so we will be running a skeleton staff here. I will be in contact with parents that fit the criteria tomorrow to explain the arrangements I intend to provide for Monday and the foreseeable future.

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 text message and an update on the school website.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn that is why teachers are sending education packs home with the children today. In the packs are a variety of work and websites that children can access while not in school.

Free School Dinners

If your child is a 'Pupil Premium' child so you have access to a free school meal every day we will continue to make sure a packed lunch is available for them. This is not universal free meals. Please complete the slip on the back page and identify who the child is and which class they are from so we know how many lunches to make each day. Lunches can be collected daily by coming into the KS2 playground and into the dining room between 12.00 noon and 12.30pm. Lunches will need to be collected and taken away as children cannot be supervised.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

It is probably not a surprise, however all school trips have been cancelled for the remainder of this year. The CK before and after school club is cancelled and won't start back until we resume business as usual.

All national assessments including SATs, Multiplication Tests and Phonics Screening are cancelled.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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](#).

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

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)



Key Worker

I believe my partner and/ I am unable to supervise my child as I am a key worker:

_____ (child's name) in Class _____ .

I am a _____ (job) and my partner is a _____ (job)
so we would require school to provide care facilities.

I work at: _____

My partner works at: _____

Signed: _____

Free School Dinner

My child will require a free school dinner and I understand it will need to be collected from the dining room daily.

_____ (childs name) in Class _____ .

Signed: _____

