

19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

You may be aware that the Prime Minister and Education Secretary announced yesterday afternoon that schools in England will remain closed to the majority of pupils from the end of the school day on Friday 20th March until further notice. This does not mean that all schools are fully closing, it means we may remain open for certain groups of pupils.

In their announcements, the Prime Minister and the Education Secretary both stated that schools will be required to stay open from Monday to certain groups of pupils. A full list of key worker categories is due to be published and we will let you know of those included, but examples given have been:

- NHS Staff
- Police
- Delivery drivers
- Vulnerable children
- Children with EHCPS

At this moment I do not have any specific details about what constitutes 'key' workers or the arrangements that will be made for their children and those children who are considered to be vulnerable. We are expecting clear guidelines today and we will send another letter by the end of day letting you know what is happening next.

The Education Secretary also made announcements about children who receive Free School Meals. Again, we are unclear of the specific details and we will write to you to provide you with information about how we will be supporting providing food for Free School Meal children.

Please bear with us, we will text to inform you when we have sent an email with any updates and continue to update our website with information and home learning.

These are very new times for all of us and we will be taking each day as it comes. We do not yet know what will happen after the Easter holidays but we can promise that we will continue to keep you updated.

Thank you for your understanding and patience

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