



19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know schools are closing from Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March for an indefinite period.

In accordance with government advice, we will remain open to allow 'key workers' to carry out their role. **At the moment, key workers are listed as: emergency service workers, including health staff, all first responders, essential delivery drivers, social workers, those who work in schools and childcare settings and are required to be in their schools.**

A text message has been sent to parents asking them to identify if they are in this category and have no other options for childcare.

Schools will remain open to the most vulnerable children and we will be contacting these parents and carers to discuss if they need to attend.

The purpose of closing schools is to reduce the opportunity for infection from the Coronavirus and therefore it is important the numbers of children in school is kept to a minimum. Parents and carers need to consider carefully if they have no other options for childcare. Children in homes who are self-isolating cannot attend school.

We will need to know who and how many pupils will be in school and therefore parents cannot send their child into school without prior approval.

At present, we have no information about the availability of school transport. We will update you when we know more.

To assist in the identification of pupils attending school, all pupils will need to wear full school uniform.

Pupils who are not attending school are not permitted on or near the school site and should be at home to reduce the risk of infection and completing school work which will be set for them.

Further information will be issued shortly about the arrangements for continuing the education of pupils during this closure including Year 11 pupils.

Yours sincerely

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