



20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The school will close today, for an indefinite period, for almost all pupils as part of the country's effort to slow the rate of infection from the Coronavirus.

For those pupils who are approved to come into school during the closure they should arrive for the normal start of school day but not before 7.50am. School buses will be running the normal routes and times. Because of the school buses, school will end at the normal times, this includes the 2.15pm finish on Tuesdays.

To help with clear identification of pupils, they should be in full school uniform and bring their PE kit on each day. A limited lunch service will be provided. The school's behaviour policy will apply to all pupils who are attending.

Pupils will be following a timetable which involves broadly the same work as those who are studying at home through Show my Homework. As far as possible, we will be keeping 'social distance' between pupils and asking pupils to carry out regular hand washing and cleaning of equipment they use with anti-bacterial wipes.

For pupils who have to remain at home, I would urge parents to ensure that healthy routines are in place including good sleep patterns, healthy diet, appropriate exercise, keeping mentally sharp with regular study with the work set on Show my Homework, as well reading regularly. In addition to helping to maintain good mental health and wellbeing, this will also help pupils to be ready to learn when school does reopen. However, we should prepare ourselves for a lengthy period without school and the sooner good routines are established, the easier they will be to maintain.

I want to repeat again, that only pupils who have prior approval will be admitted into school as the fewer people who are in the school building reduces the risk of infection and Government advice is that the numbers in schools should be the absolute minimum.

Thank you for your continued support

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