



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**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.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on the key workers list and will be in touch to ascertain which parents/carers this applies to.

**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 email and the school website.

**What we'll continue doing while your child is at home**

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. Class Teachers will write to inform you of the plan for continuing education remotely, this will include:

- Where parents and pupils can find work set for them
- Expectations for completing work
- How parents and pupils will be able to contact the school and their teacher(s)

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.



## What we won't be able to go ahead with

- Breakfast or after-school clubs

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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.

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.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gallagher".

Geraldine Gallagher

**Headteacher**