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## Coronavirus school update – SCHOOL CLOSURE (for most children) 18:00 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from my last update (16/03/2020), as I am sure you know, we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice. The Prime Minister stated that this was “not because schools are a dangerous place for children or teachers, but to slow down the rate of transmission.”

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 STILL waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but 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 – this will help us determine how many children may need to be at school on Monday. We are sending out a Survey Monkey questionnaire soon. **We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.** At the moment, we are assuming key workers might be:

- People who work for the NHS
- Police
- Fire service
- Supermarket delivery drivers
- Teachers

**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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by all of the usual forms of communication: text, email, website, Class Dojo, etc.

Your child’s learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn.

Tomorrow a letter explaining how we will be setting and collecting homework will come home. It will also detail:

- Where parents and pupils can find work set for them, such as in a resource pack or on a website
- How parents and pupils will be able to contact the school and their teacher(s)

If your child is not at school on Friday 20 March to receive a paper homework pack, spare ones will be kept in the office for collection. Any clothes/PE kit, etc. will also be kept in the ‘Lost and Found’ box in the office.

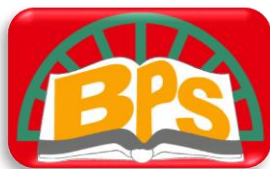
If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we could continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced – detail to follow.

As has already been stated we will not be able to go ahead with:

- School trips, including the Year 6 residential (more information to follow)
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- SATS tests have been cancelled this year



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This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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 is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so using the details at the top of this letter.

Please 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.

Kindest regards

J Osprey

