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Dear Parent/ Carer

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 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. Please contact the school by telephone or email using the details above if your child falls into one of these categories and you intend to send them into school during this period by 4pm today.

We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is via the school App and school website as soon as we know.

What we will 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.

Please refer to the letters sent home on Tuesday 17th March which give details of the home learning arrangements we have made. You can find these in the news section on our website or school app.

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 will not be able to go ahead with whilst the school is closed

- Treetop Childcare who provide breakfast and afterschool clubs
- School trips
- Phonics Screening
- Key Stage 1 SATs
- Any other whole school events currently on our school calendar

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.

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.

Yours sincerely



Miss Tracy Hurwood
Head of School

