



24th March 2020

Dear Parents

School Closure

As you will know; we have tried to continue our normal school routine during this uncertain time in order to support all of our children and families. Unfortunately, today, we have made the difficult decision to close the school to our day pupils. This decision has not been taken lightly.

I mentioned in a letter last week that if we were to close, we would do so in phases where possible. Today, we have closed to day pupils; those who travel to and from school daily. This is to support the Prime Minister's request that all travel is limited and that everyone remains at home where possible. We have, as requested by our Prime Minister and Education Secretary identified key worker families and discussed whether they require additional support to go to work. Again the Prime Minister has said this should only be used as a last resort to limit contact and travel. Details of key workers is on the government website.

I also reassured you that we will endeavor to continue to offer some sort of routine for our children and so we will be offering online learning and work/activity packs for your child. I know some teachers have already been in touch and have sent paper based resources home for your children. If they haven't yet done this, they will be doing in the next couple of days. We are currently going through training in order to access the virtual school and then teachers will be in touch in order to support both you and your child/children in accessing this. This training should be completed by Friday. You should have received a letter asking for permission to use the online learning platform and an email in order to set up the system. If you have not received this, please let your child's form tutor know so they can sort this for you.

The education and therapy team will continue to be in school throughout this difficult time so please do not hesitate to contact us either by phone or email – we are here to help if we can.

Please continue to follow the government guidance in relation to social distancing, staying at home except for the times when you need to exercise, go to the shop for essential food and medicines or seek medical help. Please continue to follow hand washing and hygiene advice in order to protect you and your family. The more we can make these necessary changes to our lives the quicker we can return to normality.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or myself April Boyd, Head of School. Once again; please take care of your families during this difficult time.

Many thanks

April Boyd
Head of School

