

19 March 2020

### School Closure

Dear Parent / Carers,

Due to the recent announcement from the Prime Minister, that all UK schools must close due to the spread of Coronavirus, we are writing to officially notify you of our closure from Monday 23 March 2020.

Over the last week we have maintained a full school opening, to which, I would like to publicly thank the staff. However, this is an extremely difficult situation which impacts us all, but we believe that the closure of schools is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone and prevent further spread of the virus.

The Prime Minister has advised that children should not be left with older grandparents or older relatives who may be particularly vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

Vulnerable children and children of key workers will have access into school as normal, if this is deemed necessary and appropriate.

Key workers have been defined as the government as:

- Medical professionals including doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics etc.
- Other health workers - such as employment in a medical/health setting
- Community safety - police force and fire brigade
- Education - teachers, workers in a school or a pre-school setting
- Supermarket workers
- Delivery drivers
- Anyone working in critical infrastructure who need to be able to go to work.

Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans.

Parents/Carers for the above groups only should complete the online form below by **midday on Friday 20 March to allow us to suitably plan for the provision**. The National curriculum will not be followed from this date and there will not be formal lessons.

<https://forms.gle/Jf4vNuakMTvUpZF7>



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Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to devise a learning plan to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their studies remotely. The work for the Primary Phase will be on Google Classrooms. For the Secondary Phase, Pupils should access work Via Classcharts.

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via email and the school website.

Until then, we would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Marchant', with a stylized flourish at the end.

PJ Marchant  
Headteacher