



Eastbrook Primary School

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I am 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, emergency services, 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 office with your child's name and class. We'll 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 in to 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 GroupCall. We will continue to use GroupCall to ensure communication between the parents and the school remains effective throughout this experience.

What we will continue doing while your child is at home.

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

Since Monday we have been working hard to plan ahead in the event of a school closure.

We have a plan in place to ensure your child is fully supported during this time and that they have access to home learning.

You will receive a letter later outlining how your child can access home learning. Please read through it and ask any questions you may have before the school closes on Friday.

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

- Educational visits
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

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This is as much as we know at this moment in time 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 don't hesitate to do so. Feel free to speak to me directly at any point or phone the school office throughout the day.

And 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.

We will be in touch with more information soon.

Evan Hollows
Headteacher