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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - SCHOOL CLOSURE TO MOST PUPILS**

Dear Families,

Following on from my last update, I am now writing to let you know that we have now been instructed by the government 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:

1. the children of what the government calls “key workers” (e.g. NHS staff, police, education staff, others in frontline services e.g. food distribution and selling). When we receive more precise information we will update you.
2. children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this all means, but it would help our planning if in the meantime you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please ring the school or email using the contacts above to let me know. If you could do this by tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, that would be very helpful. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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, through our ParentMail system.

### **What we'll 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. We will use our Tapestry Online Learning Journal system to provide weekly ideas for your child's learning at home. You can then use Tapestry to upload photos or video of your child learning at home, keeping in touch with your child's key person, who will be able to support you with next steps for them.

We know families may be under additional stress at this time and so want to provide ideas for learning which will be fun and easy to do, but it is entirely your choice as to whether to do them or not.



### **How parents and pupils will be able to contact the school and their teacher**

We anticipate that the school building will continue to be open and so you will be able to email and telephone us as normal. If we have to close fully, we will email through ParentMail and let you know how to contact us. As mentioned, your teacher and key person will communicate with you about your child's learning through Tapestry.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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 ring or email.

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, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tam Bennett', written in a cursive style.

Tam Bennett  
Head Teacher



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