

**24 March 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, from Monday 23 March, our school closed to the vast majority of pupils, and opened only for the following groups of pupils at the request of parents:

- Children and young people with an EHCP;
- Children and young people with a social worker;
- Children of key workers who can otherwise not be supervised during the school day.

Unfortunately, on the advice of **Public Health England**, school will now be **closed to all** for the next week to allow a deep clean to take place. Although there is no confirmed case, we are aware there is a case showing some of the symptoms that has had contact with school, **there has been no confirmed CV-19 diagnosis**.

**Public Health England** have advised that a temporary closure is the right thing to do; just to be on the safe side. As a school we are determined to take all measures to protect our children, young people, staff and their families; and have reluctantly agreed to temporarily close our doors to all staff and students alike. By taking this action now, we should be able to ensure continuous, longer term provision, as we move forward.

School provision will be in place again from **Wednesday 1 April** for the small number of families who have requested this and we will be in touch with you again during the week to give further details.

For families in receipt of Free School Meals, we are in the process of organising supermarket vouchers for you and we will be in touch regarding this in order to assist at this difficult time. Should you need support in the interim please contact me directly.

Teachers have provided work and activities for your child to do during this period of school closure and these will be updated via the school website.

**Please see below from the Government guidance**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Clearly, this is a fast-moving picture and we will endeavour to do all that we can to keep you updated.

Please do not feel that you are alone in the coming weeks, we will be in contact regularly via the school website, and you can always get in touch with us via email at any point.

With my thanks to you all at this challenging time, please keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

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