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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### **School will be closed until further notice**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Re: Coronavirus update – school closure**

Following my last update, **the government has instructed me to close the school at the end of the school day until further notice.**

**Children will need to stay at home, so you will not be able to send your child into school from Monday onwards.** This measure has been put in place to limit social contact and slow the spread of Covid-19.

Please note that this is a **national closure**, so whilst it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and we will let you know when this is, by text and on the school app.

We have contacted the **very few families** at our school, who the government advises may be eligible to attend school if 'absolutely necessary' next week and we will open only to these children on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, until the end of the day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.

Even for the children of families who could be eligible to attend school, the government states

'If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading'.

#### **What we will do whilst your child is at home**

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

- All school aged children will be given learning packs today if they are in school. For those children absent today, they can be collected from the school office **from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** between 10am – 2pm.
- We will update learning resources on Purple Mash daily and have put the letters to each year group on our website so you can read these for reference.

Remember: if you or your child has a high temperature and/or a new persistent cough and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

If you are worried about a child's welfare or safety, please call the Children's Advice & Duty Service (CADS) 0344 800 8020

Whilst we know this is a highly anxious time for all of us, we hope that you stay safe and well and look forward to opening school as soon as we are able to.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Parry-Jones