

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Daily Update 6pm 18/03/2020**

You may already have heard the announcement from the Prime Minister this evening about the government's intention to close all schools at the end of the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March for all pupils with the exception of those children of key workers and also the most vulnerable. Please be aware that our schools received this information at the same time as everyone else and therefore were not pre-warned of this new measure.

The government also announced that they are putting in place arrangements for children entitled to free school meals.

Over the next few days we will be working with the authorities to understand the full impact of these decisions and will then be able to give you more information.

We understand that this is a very worrying development for everyone. In terms of any further information please ensure that you regularly check your school's information system and website for our daily updates.

Please be aware that our schools are working to ensure that all pupils will receive a home education learning pack which will be given out by Friday at the very latest. We are also making arrangements to distribute these to anyone self-isolating. Each school will be making their own arrangements for these.

In the meantime please ensure that you look after yourselves and continue to follow the advice of Public Health England <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>.

Best Wishes,

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