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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from the last update, I am now writing to let you know that **we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and vulnerable children (including those who currently have a social worker) will be allowed to attend school, initially at St George's, however, as time goes on this may be at a local hub. You can check with the school office if uncertain if you would qualify under either identified category.

If your role is on the Government's key worker list then we ask that you notify us by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. You will be asked to give the name of your employer and nature of role so that we can verify with the official list and may be asked to provide evidence. In this way, we can ensure that our provision is targeted at key workers, as well as vulnerable children, especially as staff shortages due to the virus, are likely put pressure on this provision. If you are a keyworker and are not taking up the offer because you have a partner or relative at home, it would be helpful if you notified the office.

During the time that the school is partially open, we will continue with the provisions in place to minimize risk, by only allowing school employees and children on site. The children attending and school staff, will have temperature taken regularly and monitoring of any coughs will take place. If children or adults display any signs they will be sent home and told to self-isolate as per the Government guidelines.

**All other children will need to stay at home, do not send them into school from Monday onwards as they will be sent home.**

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 follow Government guidance and will keep you updated with any information we receive related to how long the closure will last.

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

All class pages on the website have been updated with activities and ideas for home learning. Teachers will regularly update these. There are also links for age appropriate websites that children can utilize.

## **Free School Meals**

All parents who are entitled to free school meals have been contacted directly and told of the arrangements put in place so that they can collect packed lunches from school.

**If your child is attending, school and they are NOT ENTITLED to a Free School Meal you must provide them with a packed lunch.**

## **Parent Advisor**

Lee Franklin the Parent Advisor can offer support by providing foodbank vouchers and signposting you to various support agencies. Please find the school mobile number below. 07710701878. Lee will be available between 8.30 and 4pm Monday to Friday.

This is as much as we know right now 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's far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

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.

I know we are all indebted to every key worker who continues to work whether in NHS and other vital services, including all school leaders and staff, despite the increased risk of exposure to themselves, in order to help the country through this current crisis. Look after your families as best as you can, stay safe by following the guidance and self-isolate as much as you possible. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs G Constable  
Headteacher