

The Enquire Learning Trust

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I am writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed 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 the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please ring the school office on 01472235116 giving your child's name, class and reason you qualify for this. It would also be helpful if you can inform us of your working pattern and we do our best to accommodate beyond the normal school day where possible. We'll 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 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'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is via the school website, Facebook page and text system.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- Every child will be sent home with a resource pack to continue school learning at home, these will be given out on Friday. If you are already self-isolating we will get these back to you.
- Each pack contains information about online resources available
- Further guidance will be on the website – www.ellistonprimary.net please consult this daily
- We expect that children who are eligible to attend, as above, will attend **as long as displaying no symptoms**
- We expect that work will be completed as best as possible
- You will be able to contact school via the school email address – office@ellistonprimary.net, please make it clear who your email is for (e.g. class teacher), who it is regarding and the subject matter. Alternatively you can ring the school on 01472235116 with any queries and we will do our best to help.
- Teachers will be ringing families on a weekly basis to check in with learning progress and to offer any emotional support for yourselves or your children.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

We are currently cancelling the following:

- After school sports clubs
- Music lessons
- Booster classes

We are currently waiting for advice regarding breakfast club and ACE club but we intend to be able to offer this to the children of key workers, as identified above, throughout this.

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's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the school office.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren Holmes".

Darren Holmes
Chief Executive Officer of Enquire Learning Trust

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Caroline Patterson".

Caroline Patterson
Elliston Academy Principal