19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Following on from my last update, I’m now 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.

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 by texting information out and updating the website.

**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.

* We have a dedicated area on our school website for learning opportunities children can access online.
* Children have a pack of activities and a revision booklet to complete at home.

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**

* School trips including the Y4 residential to Ingleborough Hall (this will be rearranged for a different date)
* Breakfast or after-school clubs
* Internal exams or tests

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 office number.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Mrs Gray

Headteacher