

The Federation of Boldmere Schools

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Our Vision: The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Coronavirus: required closure!

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

We are certainly experiencing some very challenging times and we are sure that you have lots of questions and at the moment we are awaiting further clarification on certain matters before we can communicate effectively with you. We hope you appreciate that these matters are beyond our control and we will endeavor to update you in a timely and swift manner as soon as we actually know more.

Following on from previous updates, I am now writing to let you know, but I am sure you will already be aware, that we have now been instructed by government to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice. It is important to follow all government guidelines and be aware of social distancing and self-isolation procedures as they are updated.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers only (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services- not an exhaustive list at present) and children with certain needs as directed by government guidelines which are still at present to be clarified. If you fall in to this category, it will be your family decision of whether or not you choose to access school provision as there will still be risks that we simply cannot contain, but of course we will do what we can. It is essential that you only access this provision if it is absolutely vital for you to do so as a key worker.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means and we will 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. It is imperative that you adhere to this request as no child of a parent/carer, not recognized on the key worker list will not have access to school for any reason.

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 re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is announced by government, but again this will not be our decision to make at the moment.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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 is far from ideal, we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. What is important in all of this is the safety of yourselves and your families, so please do take care!

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

Yours sincerely

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