



Coronavirus: Proposals for Phased Closure in the event of Staff Shortages

If directed by Public Health England or the DfE, we will close the school. Until this happens, school will remain open.

However, insufficient staffing levels due to illness, underlying health conditions or self-isolation may also necessitate closure. In this eventuality, we have outlined a phased plan as follows. **The current stage will be highlighted.**

Stage 1: School open as normal

- All pupils attend, if well
- All staff attend, if well

Stage 2: Initial staffing shortages

- Non-essential provision is cancelled
- Classes will be merged where appropriate

Stage 3: Further staffing shortages

- School will be open to Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) Nursery and Reception
- KS2 (Y3,4,5 and 6) children will be asked to stay at home
- All non-self-isolating staff will attend school

Stage 4: Staffing is considered to be critically low

- School will be open to Key Stage One children only (Years 1, 2)
- Nursery and Reception children will be asked to stay at home
- All non self-isolating staff will attend school

Stage 5: Insufficient staff for safe opening of the school site

- School will be closed to all children
- All non self-isolating staff will attend school

Stage 6: The school is instructed to close by the Local Authority/Government

- The school will be closed to all children and staff
- Staff will be directed to work at home

Progression through any of the above stages may accelerate in the case of a positive test for Coronavirus. However, we would be advised by Public Health England of the necessary steps to take in this eventuality.

The Chief Medical Officer has said that the impact of closing schools would have significant impact on children's education, but the benefit to public health would not be substantial. We continue to act on all updates, and will provide you with new information as and when it is received in school. We would like to assure you that we are working hard to keep children, families and staff as safe as possible, in these very challenging times.