

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 and you think you may require care. Please inform your school, via email:

office@welholmeacademy.com or [telephone the school office](tel:01937543434) of the job roles of both parents.

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 text and school 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 do expect all children to complete the suggested activities. Each year group has a sheet of expectations in their pack.

- All children have been given a pack of school work, an exercise book and stationary.
- All children have additional reading material.
- All children in KS2 have log in details for online activities such as Reading Plus, Lexia, Times tables rockstars.
- All children have access to Class Dojo which helps the teacher to communicate with your child and give additional help with work or set additional work.
- Teachers will put links to educational sites on our website which are appropriate for each year group.

Parents and carers can contact the school via the contact tab on our website or email office@welholmeacademy.com. These messages will be checked regularly. 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
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

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'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 website or email at office@welholmeacademy.com.

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

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Mrs. D. Turrell
Headteacher