

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from recent updates, 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, supermarket delivery drivers) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means and will be sending you a survey to complete later today if you believe all adults within your family fall into one of the published categories.

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.

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 by continuing to provide learning at home packs on a regular basis. These will be available to download from the pupil section of the school website. If you have any issues with obtaining this learning please email info@waycroftacademy.com

If your child usually receives free school meals***, we will also be in touch with more information about how this will continue to be provided, once we have been informed how the scheme the government has announced will work.

***Please note this is only for families that have applied for free school meals due to being on identified benefits and not universal free school meals that your child gets because your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

As you may have heard all primary assessments are cancelled:

- End of Key Stage One and Two SATs
- Phonics Screening Check

- Multiplication Tables Check

As previously communicated all external visits such as trips have been postponed. We have now made the decision to cancel all trips and camps for the remainder of the academic year (information regarding refunds etc to follow). In addition, from Monday we will no longer be providing a breakfast club service or any after school clubs.

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, via email and the school website, as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via info@waycroftacademy.com

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#) or if you require support from the school's nursing service parent/carers & young people are able to contact the service from **Monday 23rd March on** 0300 125 6277.

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

Yours sincerely,



Lisa Craig
Head of School