



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers, Colleagues and Governors

As I am sure you are aware, earlier today the Government announced all schools will be closed from Monday 23rd March until further notice. This means that for the majority of our children Friday will be their last day in school for what could be a considerable period of time.

There is no precedent in our lifetimes for the measures we are now required to take. In this time of national emergency, I hope you can understand and support the actions we are taking as a Trust family to do our part in helping our country tackle Coronavirus and the significant impact is having upon us.

The Government has confirmed that for the foreseeable future, all schools have been asked to provide care for children of key workers, therefore enabling them to remain at work during this period of need. We have also been asked to ensure those children with Education Care & Health Plans or who are more vulnerable are also provided for. Every one of the DEMAT schools will be part of a county wide response to ensure we meet our duties.

If children do not fall into one of the categories above, this will be a difficult period. Their teachers have been putting together education packs, resources and activities for them to complete. The BBC is putting together daily education shows on the Red button and on iPlayer. Your schools will also provide a wide range of sources for information and learning.

I wish to thank all school staff, volunteers, and Governors who have helped in recent days to keep schools open and who will continue to do so over the coming months. They are unwavering in their commitment to our children and our values of Love and Community.

We will remain in contact with you all and are all praying that we can all get through this period of uncertainty safely.

Yours faithfully

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