



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils on 20th March

Following on from my last update, 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. This is the list of key workers we have been guided to use:

- NHS staff
- Teachers and school support staff
- SEND staff
- Police and community support officers
- Frontline civilian police staff
- Prison officers and prison staff
- Probation officers and trainee prob officers
- LA officers and LA/ NHS social workers
- Uniformed staff in fire and rescue services
- Highway agency traffic staff
- LA environmental health officers/practitioners
- Care workers
- Food/supermarket drivers and other supermarket workers
- Foster carers
- Pharmacists
- Drivers for school children

We are still waiting for the government to publish more information but as I say this is the list we have been advised to use. I must stress that at the moment that both parents must fit this category (but if this changes we will let you know) for the children to be able to come into school (this is because the Government are clearly trying to reduce the footfall in school and minimise contact as much as possible).

We are now beginning to plan for next week so it would help us if you could let us know if you think you may fall into one of the above categories. Please email or phone the office by midday on Friday 20th (email address is at end of this letter) with your child's name and why you think you might be a key worker. Please also tell us if you are self-isolating currently. We will then be in touch with further details.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd March 2020 onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure – as you will 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 by sending you an email and a text.

What we will 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. All teachers have a plan in place for how to provide daily work (Monday to Friday) for your children (initially until the Easter break). A specific letter/information sheet from each teacher giving more detail will follow tomorrow.

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 is supposed to be announcing!

What we definitely won't be able to go ahead with:

- Any before or after-school clubs
- PTA events
- Sporting events

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.

Our email address is wpsoffice1@woodstone.leics.sch.uk

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

Yours sincerely,



P. Mullins
Headteacher