

19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware from the announcement made by the Prime Minister yesterday, all schools will be closed from the end of the school day tomorrow, Friday 20 March until further notice.

Schools have however been asked to play a different and vital role in the national effort in tackling the coronavirus and have been asked to continue to provide care for vulnerable pupils and those where parents or carers are 'front line workers'.

Whilst managing the inevitable staff absences that will occur due to both self-isolation and necessary social isolation for those staff in vulnerable groups, we will do our utmost to ensure that we are able to offer this provision within each school.

At the time of writing this letter, we are awaiting further advice from the Government both in connection with the definition of 'front line workers' as well as other groups of children who may fall within exemptions and this will be shared with you once available. To help us plan for the provision that we have been asked to provide, if you consider that your family may fall within a category of 'front line worker' which we anticipate will include those who are employed within the NHS, emergency services, supermarket/food delivery services and schools, we ask that you please complete by 10am tomorrow an on line form (please [click here](#) to access the form).

Further communication will be sent to those families who we believe will fall under the category of vulnerable children.

It is our intention to continue to provide lunches for pupil premium (free school meals) children during the period of school closure. We are investigating how we may continue to provide this and again further information will be provided once available.

We advise that you check your school websites at the beginning and end of every day to check whether there is any updated information from your school. We are not sure how long these periods of closure will continue and I anticipate writing to you with further updates before the scheduled Easter break.

With kind regards,



David Gregory CBE
Chief Executive Officer