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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

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 (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.

Please email the school via [admin@norwoodschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@norwoodschool.co.uk) as soon as possible to inform us if you believe that your family falls into this category and therefore your child/ren should be in school. Please can **all families** respond to this, regardless of current self-isolation etc, as we do not know how long we will be working in this manner.

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/ren into school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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 the usual method of Xpressions and email.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child/ren to learn.

Please see the letter issued on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and again on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to share with you our strategy for ensuring children can continue to learn whilst away from school site.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will aim to continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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.



As we would like to reduce the number of visits to school site, if you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email or phone call.

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.

Mrs D Reynolds  
Head Teacher

