

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and 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 in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories.

Please call the school or email office@st-john.hackney.sch.uk **by 9am on Friday 20th March.**

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to. If you have childcare available to you please use it.

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 by text, Marvellous Me messages and on our website.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about support you can receive from a scheme that the government has just announced.

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.

- We have sent home packs today with children in school with work for 2 weeks.
- We will then be adding the next set of work to our website
- Our expectation is that children will complete this work
- How parents and pupils will be able to contact the school and their teacher(s)

What we won't be able to go ahead with

(Please let us know if this causes additional challenges)

- Breakfast club, after school care and after-school clubs
- Easter Church Service

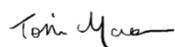
This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email (address above) or by phoning us.

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.

Yours sincerely,



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