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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 office@allertonprimary.com with that information.

Please DO NOT ring the school line as we will not be answering that, due to other urgent priorities.

We will 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 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by updating this information on the website and emailing via Parentmail.

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.

- Staff have been working on home learning packs and these will be sent out to you via email.
- Please do check class blogs on a daily basis.
- Teachers will send home information that is specific to your child's class, which will include how they want you to communicate with them. Please do follow this

If your child usually receives free school meals we are one of the Leeds Food Distribution Hubs, where the kitchen staff will be making lunches for over 400 children from 11 neighbouring schools. We will be in touch with more information about how this will work but once informed, you will need to come and collect that food each day. Food cannot be delivered to houses as we will not have the capacity to do so.

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.

I really do appreciate all the messages of support that I have received, which is amazing at this time.



If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the office email ONLY. This will be checked every half an hour by admin staff who will forward on to the relevant staff in school,

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online. PLEASE take this advice very seriously, as this is real. Please don't panic, stay connected and we will also post some ways to stay positive during this unprecedented time.

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

Yours sincerely,

Helen Stott
Headteacher