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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. We will be sending out a parentmail with a questionnaire attached as soon as the list is published. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

If you do not have a parentmail account, please contact the school office as soon as possible to provide your email address as this is the best way for us to contact you. Please pass this message on to any parents you know that might not have an account and are not receiving our messages.

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 as soon as guidance is release from the government.

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.

The main route we will be using to provide homework for your child is through Google Classroom. We will be sending out logins for this later today and help sheets on how to use it. This will give your child direct daily access to their teacher who will be looking at the work and commenting on it.

For children who do not have internet access, we will be providing exercise books and work for the children to complete at home. You will be asked if you need this on the parentmail questionnaire this afternoon.

Finally, we will be publishing activities and lists of useful websites to use on our school website www.masonmoorprimary.co.uk

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 has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

There are activities that will be cancelled or postponed until further notice. These include:

- School trips
- After-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the main office on 023 8039 0140.

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,



Kristy Wharton

