

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents/carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last letter, I'm 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 vulnerable children.

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 school at office@violetway.org with the following information. What key worker category your child will fall into, their name and class. We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to. Please reply by **8.00am tomorrow** (Friday 20th March) otherwise we will assume you do not wish to use the provision.

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 texting all parents and publishing this on the school website. Please check the school website regularly.

What we will continue doing while your child is at home

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

- Work will be posted regularly on your child's year group page on the school website at <https://www.violetway.org>
- If you do not have internet access please email this information to office@violetway.org by 8.00am tomorrow (Friday 20th March) Thank you.

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;

- School trips
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

Please also ensure that you collect any medication that your child has at school if necessary. Any lost property left will be recycled. Thank you.

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 school on the following email:

office@violetway.org

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.

Best Wishes,

Mr Richard Burns
Headteacher