

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.

Those parents whose child has certain needs will be contacted directly by our SENCO or welfare team.

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:

- Clinical staff employed by the NHS
- Teachers, including further education teachers and Early Years / nursery teachers
- Police officers and community support officers in specified forces
- Frontline police staff (civilians) may also be eligible in some areas
- Prison officers and some Prison Service staff in prisons in specified areas
- Probation officers
- Local authority (LA) or NHS social workers
- Uniformed staff, in fire and rescue services
- Armed forces personnel
- Highway Agency traffic officer staff
- LA environmental health officers / practitioners
- Care workers
- Food / supermarket delivery drivers and other workers

Please contact us if you would like us to look after your child during the school day or that you may need us to look after your child in the future, in order for you to attend work – email [info@sdcc.net](mailto:info@sdcc.net) subject heading **KEY WORKER**. Please provide the following details:

- Child's name
- Tutor Group
- Category of key work

**If you can do this, by the end of the day Friday 20th March, that would help us with planning.**

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to, with the operating times and arrangements.

**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, via our communication channels, including an update on our website (use the link at the top of the home page)

## **What we'll continue doing while your child is at home**

### **Education Support**

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. All these details are on our website – follow the link (all children have been shown this during assemblies). All children should follow their current timetable and work through revision in their Knowledge Organisers, Hegarty Maths, Tassomai Science, Reading for 30 minutes, We will post the next set of work after the holidays on our website.

### **Student Welfare**

On our website is the contact details of our safeguarding staff [safeguarding@sdcc.net](mailto:safeguarding@sdcc.net) should you have any concern about a child – either your own or someone else's.

During the closure you can still contact staff and the school using email addresses, including [info@sdcc.net](mailto:info@sdcc.net)

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 do:**

**go ahead with any trips, after school clubs, events or 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.

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

Yours faithfully,



Anita Frier

Executive Principal