



19 March 2020

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, emergency services, teachers and others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. This does not include Pupil Premium.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, an official list is due to be released by the Cabinet Office later today. If your job role does not fall under one of the designated categories on the survey then please click 'Other' and state your role. When we have further guidance we will then be able to inform you if your child can be in school. We have set up an online survey- the link is:

<https://forms.gle/VT7BGSXyGEjkjeu59>

We'll 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'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by email, text message and website updates.

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 uploaded learning on the school website on the children's year group pages up until the Easter holidays. Please remember my thoughts from my previous letter- use this time for quality time together and life learning too! Children have been issued with a green learning book, but these are to be used how you wish!

Staff will be in to support in school and remote learning so please contact us through the normal channels should you need us.

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.

If you are needing to keep your child at home and would like paper copies of learning due to limited available technology then please let us know by the end of today so that we can get these to you before the end of Friday.

For those children who will be able to attend school we will also be looking to support with before and after school provision and will advise accordingly. Please be assured that we are working closely with Poulner Infants School to support families in the same way.

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 admin@poulner-jun.hants.sch.uk.

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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