

Sandbrook Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I am 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. All usual school activities are now cancelled such as school trips, breakfast and after school clubs and other activities as school is closed.** This action is being taken to reduce the spread of the virus as much as possible by reducing the numbers of children and staff in schools to a minimum.

As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open with a skeleton staff for the children with an EHCP, children with a named social worker and children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services). We are waiting for the Government to publish more information on what this means

In the meantime, it would be helpful if you could let us know if you think you may be a keyworker. You can do this by completing the form below or letting us know in person. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to. We are likely to require proof of employment. Some parents whose children fall in to this category may be able to make arrangements for their children not to be in school and this is helpful as it is important that we reduce numbers as far as possible. Please avoid asking elders to childmind as they are more vulnerable to COVID-19.

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.

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 by:

- Continuing to up-date and add information to the school website to guide parents to useful activities that can be done at home
- Uploading learning task to the online learning platform of our website. Children have individual logins for this area

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If your child is entitled to 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 that will enable us to issue vouchers. It is our understanding at this time that vouchers will only be provided for pupils with a registered entitlement to FSM.

This is as much as we know at the moment 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 is far from ideal but this is a national emergency. We will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

It is important that you continue to follow advice on household isolation if any members of your family show symptoms. You must maintain the full 14 day period of isolation to ensure that children are not sent back into school before this.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

In addition, please bear in mind that this childcare provision for key workers and vulnerable children will remain available subject to the school having sufficient staff to enable us to remain open safely. We will keep you informed.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can. This is such a challenging time for us all and we wish you and your families good health in the difficult weeks ahead. Keep washing those hands and keep your elders safe.

Regards

**C Temple
Headteacher**

REPLY SLIP

Name of pupil: _____ Class: _____

I am a key worker employed as _____

Place of employment: _____

I do require a childcare place

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Evidence of employment checked and photocopied _____

Member of staff to sign