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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 and you wish your child to continue to attend school. If your child falls into one of these categories please could you call the school office or email info@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk with the following details:

- Your child's name
- form class
- your (and partner if applicable) occupation and/or brief information on your child's needs.
- dates when you believe that you will need childcare

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 contacting parents with our Schoolcomms system and putting details on our school website and Twitter account.

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. You will find work available on our school website:

<http://www.edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk/corona-virus-2020/>

Staff have also set up Google classrooms which pupils can access to view activities, guides and to submit work. If you or your child has issues accessing any resources online, please contact the school office and we will be able to arrange for printed packs to be sent to your home.



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Whilst the school will be closed to the majority of pupils, you will still be able to contact the school using the current phone number and main email address. If you are trying to get in touch with a particular member of staff, please make this clear in any communications so that your query can be directed to the right person.

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

Unfortunately, there will be many things in school which will be affected as a result of the government's decision. We will not be able to run the following for the foreseeable future:

- School trips
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Any school events such as PTA events and the school production
- SATs testing for Year 6 pupils

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 info@edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk or 01767 314562

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

Miss Z J Linington
Federation Headteacher

