Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from yesterday’s update, 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 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. If you feel that you fall into the category of a key worker then please call the office and give your child’s name, class and your profession. If you are a two parent household and one of you is not a key worker then this offer does not apply to you. We’ll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

**All other children have 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 are notified by the Government and will let you know when this is by notification through MySchoolApp, email and our school website.

**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.

➢ Learning resources have been uploaded onto our website for the children to access and teachers will add to these resources for as long as the school closure continues

➢ A writing scrap book with a suggested timetable and resource pack is being sent home with your child today

➢ Staff will inform parents that new content has been added by to their year groups via email. Staff will not be responding to any emails

All resources and home learning activities can be found on our school website. Please open up the website, found at [www.heathrowprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.heathrowprimaryschool.co.uk) and click on the ‘Parents’ tab along the top. Then click on ‘coronavirus advice and information’. Resources can then be found towards the bottom of the page by clicking on the ‘Home Learning’ icon, where you will find year group specific learning. Click on the ‘Online Learning Resources’ where you will find additional activities in the form of games, quizzes and useful websites to support home learning. As always, please be mindful of online safety and ensure your child’s online activities are supervised.
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.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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 emailing the school office on office@heathrowprimaryschool.co.uk. We will do our best to respond but please bear with us as it will not be an instant response. Any news regarding when the school will reopen will also be communicated via email, MySchoolApp and the school website.

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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