



Pilgrims' Way Primary School

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Dear Parents and 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 currently in possession on an EHCP and those currently supported by a named social worker.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means.

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 and social media and updates to the 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.

Our teachers have prepared packs for children which will be sent home with children who are attending on Friday; exercise book, pencil, several reading books. Our new "Home Learning Information" section of our school website will be updated weekly to provide further updated work and guidance for you and your child.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

- * All national exams such as Year 2 and Year 6 SATs are now cancelled.
- * Parent's Evening appointments on Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April

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 our new email welfare@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk which is now live and will be closely monitored by Mrs. Campbell and myself.

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 faithfully

Miss AM Middleton
Headteacher