



Lavant

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Dear Parents,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following the Prime Minister's briefing at 5.00pm yesterday, you will all be aware that I **have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice**. I am sure you, like us, have many questions about how the school closures are going to work. We are hoping to receive further clarification regarding the implications for our families later today, and the government have informed us that they will be releasing information which will identify who they determine is a keyworker.

We managed to catch many parents this morning and did get an early indication that a very small number of children may require this service. Provision will be run on a rotation skeleton staff team, thereby complying with guidelines on social interaction, and children will be taught in one mixed aged group. The school are not able to offer any before or after school clubs. Having accurate numbers now will help us plan effectively. If you think you may be a key worker, please let us know today by return of email if you intend to use this service, indicating:

- your child's name
- your employer / role
- the days that you will need the service next week

All replies should be emailed to office@lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk

Please note that we do not yet have detail on what the Government is defining as a key worker, so we may have to prioritise certain professions in our planning.

We are assuming that parents and carers will only use this service when there is no other childcare option.

For the majority of our children who will be learning at home, daily learning activities will be posted for each class on the school website by 9.00am each school day. Select 'Classes' and then select your child's class to access this information. All children understand that, although school is closed to the vast majority of children, our daily learning continues at home. If you have any queries, or need to contact a member of the staff team during this period of closure, please email either the school office or myself: head@lavant.w-sussex.sch.uk

Rest assured that we will follow all government guidelines and all decisions taken by our team are always in the best interest of our pupils and school community. Any further updates will be communicated as soon as we receive them.

Thanks as always for your support,

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