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CORONAVIRUS: SCHOOL CLOSURE (end of day Friday)

Dear Parent/Carer,

The outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19) has now been classified as a pandemic and the number of confirmed cases in the UK has risen in recent weeks.

The decision to close schools has been taken by the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, and therefore we **will be closing at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March**, as instructed. Further information on provision available to specific groups of children will be provided as soon as possible.

We will keep you informed of any developments via text message, on Class Dojo and via the website, including any proposed re-opening date.

- **Please make sure you have provided your current contact details to the school office.**
- **Please make sure you have downloaded and logged into Class Dojo** using the unique password that has been given to you.

It is essential that we are able to contact you via text message and on Class Dojo – please speak to your child's class teacher if you are struggling to download the app.

To reduce the impact to the closure on our children's learning, we have already handed out/hand delivered/posted Home Learning packs for children to complete at home. Copies of Home Learning activities will be uploaded to the school website under the Parent/Carer tab. I have added a page called Coronavirus/School Closure Updates:

http://www.stchads.derby.sch.uk/website/coronavirusschool_closure_updates/459652

Please keep all Home Learning safe and record as many activities in your child's Home Learning book. As always, we love seeing photographs of your child's learning outside of school and encourage you to continue with this as much as possible. Class teachers will be using the Class Dojo app to post further Home Learning activities during the school closure.

As my daughter's school will be closed as well, I will be posting Home Learning tips, ideas and activities that I will be completing with her at home via our Class Dojo page to provide additional support to you all. I encourage you all to 'check-in' on Class Dojo as frequently as possible.

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Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our children and staff. If you need to contact the school for any reason during this period of closure, you can do so by emailing us at admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk or telephoning our usual school number.

Please note: As some staff members will now have their own children to look after following nationwide school closures and the recent government updates to self-isolation/social distancing, our staffing capacity and therefore ability to respond to queries will be affected, particularly over the telephone. We have a number of key staff who have access to the admin email account and would recommend that this is used as a primary source of communication in the first instance.

We will continue to keep you informed during the closure and update you with any new information about our re-opening date.

Yours faithfully,

K. Leach

Ms. K Leach
Headteacher

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