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Thursday 19th March 2019, 11.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update sent yesterday evening, 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, 20th March 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 do please email office@grove.cambs.sch.uk (work email addresses would be useful). Please use the title 'Key Worker' in the subject line.

In the email please state

- your child (ren)s name(s),
- your name,
- your job title,
- the company you work for
- a sentence or two indicating why you might be classed as a key worker and any other information which you think might be useful.

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 23rd March 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 emailing all parents. Please make sure you email office@grove.cambs.sch.uk if your contact details change or you want more people added to the correspondence.

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. By providing a weekly set of activities linked to the different areas of the curriculum.

- This Friday, tomorrow, each child will be issued with a basic work pack. If you are self-isolating, we will arrange for it to be delivered to you on Monday. For families who are 'social distancing' we will set up a collection point, a more detailed letter regarding this will follow. Work will then be set on a weekly basis.



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- If your child is sick while the school is closed, then please inform the office by emailing office@grove.cambs.sch.uk using the subject 'child illness'
- During the school closure, you will still be able to contact us through the usual channels; phone and email

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

- School trips
- Residential Trip is highly unlikely to take place – we will write directly to the families it affects
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Pit Stop morning and after school provision from Monday 23rd – a separate letter will be sent to parents who have paid in advance to arrange refunds
- Internal exams or tests have been cancelled. Therefore, Y1 phonics, Y2 SATs, Y4 multiplication test and Y6 SATs will not be taking place.

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 office@grove.cambs.sch.uk. Please don't Facebook to raise individual questions as we will not necessarily be able to respond. Please use it to encourage and support each other. Thank you for the words of encouragement that have been posted, they really do make a difference to all of us working at the school.

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.



Ms Karen Martin
Headteacher