

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure for most children/families

Following on from previous information, I would like to keep you informed as much as possible about developments at College Park.

I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed by the government to close the schools 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. Please contact the school in person, by telephone or email office.cpi@kingsacademies.uk with your child's name and class, plus your job role and employer. 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 2020 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 text, email and notices on the school website.

Information regarding how you can access **home learning** for your child will be sent out to you tomorrow (Friday 20th March). If you do not have any access to the internet at home then please let the school know so that we can make alternative arrangements for you.

During the closure we would ask that if you need to contact the school for any reason please use the **Studybug App** which will be checked daily. Please be aware that you may not get a response the same day but we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

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 voucher scheme that the government has just announced or if we can provide a free packed lunch for those entitled to Free Schools Meals.

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 the usual school telephone number 023 9266 2129 or email offic4e.cpi@kingsacademies.uk

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.

Please keep your children and families safe, as we wish everyone in our school community the very best in these challenging times and we look forward to reuniting. The strong resilience and teamwork that our children always show will be needed more than ever but we know that our wonderful children will show their strong character over the next weeks and months.

Your sincerely

Mrs Anderson
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