

Coronavirus: closure



Dear Parents/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 after this Friday until further notice.**

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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text messages and regular updates on our school website.

What we will 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.

- We have sent home work packs for those who do not have access to the internet or a device
- On our website you will now see a Learning at Home section
- If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about this with support from BCBC

What we won't be able to go ahead with

- School trips
- Internal exams or tests including the National literacy and Numeracy tests
- GCSE and A level examinations. We now know with certainty that all of these have been cancelled by the government. We are waiting for further guidance from WJEC and this is expected on Monday. This applies to Year 11 and 13 only. It is important that all learners carry on with what is known as NEAs [Non – examined assessments which is coursework] – this evidence is likely to be used. Please do not contact the school about what grades are going to be used because we cannot share any information at this time. All we can say is that it will be a fair grade drawing on the range of information available.

It is really important that our learners access the work that is set via google classroom and on our Learning at home section. This will be updated regularly with work.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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 school contact e-mail.

With regards to providing a provision for key worker's children this has not been finalised yet and we are awaiting further guidance from BCBC.

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,

Tracey Wellington

