

## SCHOOL CLOSURE

The school will be closing after school today for all children until further notice.

This is to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

**YOU MUST KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME (NOT IN COMMUNAL MEETING AREAS (AT SHOPS ETC) IT IS TO STOP SPREAD OF VIRUS.**

This is to meet the Government's overriding principle:

**Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

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Exception for school closure will be for those pupils of key workers who have no other way of enabling their child to stay at home safely.

### **If you are a key worker:**

We will support you. But only:

If you are essential to the critical function of the frontline

**IF THERE IS NO ONE ELSE IN YOUR HOME WHO CANNOT LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILD SAFELY**

**BEFORE MONDAY - register on the school website on key worker form if this applies to you.**

(This is not about whether you are eligible but about support front line)

## KEY MESSAGES

Simply, the more children in school, the quicker it will spread.

We must protect the NHS critical staff and therefore to prevent we need to reduce the contact of children.

Fewer children means

- keeping more staff in school for longer (to care for NHS staff)
- more NHS staff in hospitals for longer

Parents of those pupils defined as vulnerable will be contacted by school staff separately and told what to do.

### **Note school operations from Monday:**

- The school office will close to all face to face general enquiries, all enquiries must come in by telephone or email, even if this means standing outside and ringing us.
- The Family Room will become a remote-supervised sick bay for infected pupils whilst parents pick up (it has toilets etc) If you are asked to pick you child up from here do this immediately, but do not come in the main door – ring us from outside the entrance.
- Go to the school website for more information, particularly on the key workers and for pupil's online learning.

**REMEMBER – KEEP WASHING HANDS**

**LIST OF KEY WORKERS WE WILL SUPPORT IF THERE IS NO ONE ELSE IN YOUR HOME WHO CANNOT LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILD SAFELY (IDEALLY BOTH PARENTS MUST BE KEY WORKERS (WITH SCHOOL DISCRETION))**

**COMPLETE SCHOOL WEBSITE ONLINE FORM**

**Health and social care**

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

**Education and childcare**

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

**Key public services**

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

**Local and national government**

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

**Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

**Public safety and national security**

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

**Transport**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

**Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

**If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.**

**IF YOU LOOK AFTER YOUR SCHOOL STAFF WE CAN LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN.**

**DO NOT ASK US TO TAKE CHILDREN WHEN YOU COULD LOOK AFTER THEM AT HOME – THIS INCREASES THE RISK TO EVERYONE – INCLUDING YOU.**

**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AND NOT ACTING IN THE PUBLIC GOOD IN RELATION TO THIS PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL.**

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**KEY CONTACTS;**

**School Virus Team for general enquiries:**

[virusteam@smceps.org](mailto:virusteam@smceps.org)

**Online learning (password reset and advice) from Monday: [onlineresources@smceps.org](mailto:onlineresources@smceps.org)**

**Main Telephone for IMPORTANT messages only: 01925 634207**

**We will respond as quickly as we can. We have 500 pupils normally in school site so be patient.**

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School website will continue to be updated wherever possible – use this for main source of information.