



Simmondley Primary School

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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 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 has both parents/carers that may fall into one of these categories:

- NHS workers
- armed forces
- emergency responders
- teachers and childcare staff
- social workers
- care home workers
- police officers
- prison/probation staff

Please do this by sending an email to keyworkers@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk from your official work email address. If this is not possible, please provide your information on company letter headed paper or a photo/copy of your ID badge. We apologise that it is necessary to ask for this, but the government are very clear about school remaining open only to support those key workers.

We'll be in touch again as soon as we have received an updated list as to who this does apply to, therefore this list is not exhaustive.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure, 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 our usual communication methods.

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. Home learning will be posted on the website for each age group and will be available from Monday 23rd March 2020.

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

- Sunrise and Sunset Club
- SATs tests

Regarding Robinwood, we shall be contacting them as a matter of urgency to determine the way forward from this point. Please bear with us on this matter. No further payments should be made at this time.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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 email. We would respectfully ask that you avoid phoning the office, unless in an emergency, to allow us time to deal with this.

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.

Kind regards,

Mrs Greaves

