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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 may fall into one of these categories. We will need to know the nature of your job as well as the names and classes of your children. If you have already done this, thank you; we're compiling a list so that we can plan for the right number of children. Please do not ask for this resource if you have someone (who is not elderly or with underlying health issues) who can look after the children. 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 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 Parent Mail, Facebook and on our Website. If you don't have access to any of these, please make sure that we know so we can find an alternative way to inform you.

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.

There will be packs of work sent out to you via Parent Mail and on our Website that your children can access. In addition to this, teachers will plan a weekly timetable of work which will include maths, English, reading and project work which will be placed on the website each week. Please encourage your children to complete the work in order to keep up with their learning. If you have any questions with regard to the work, we have set up email addresses for each year group as follows:

reception@harrowlodgeprimary.com

year1@harrowlodgeprimary.com

year2@harrowlodgeprimary.com

year3@harrowlodgeprimary.com

year4@harrowlodgeprimary.com

year5@harrowlodgeprimary.com

year6@harrowlodgeprimary.com

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

Events

Breakfast Club (except for children of key workers if this is agreed upon)

After school clubs

Internal or External Tests

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.

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,



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