

19th March 2020 Update

Coronavirus - COVID-19 - Information for members of our school community including parents, carers and staff

Dear Parents and Carers,

At 5.15pm yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education gave a public statement that all state-funded schools in England would be closed from the end of the school day on Friday.

He also indicated that all the Standard Assessment Tests and all other summative tests due to take place this Summer, have been suspended; and that children would be credited for their learning in some other way.

He then indicated that schools would be expected to remain open for the children of 'key workers' and for those in various vulnerable categories – providing a safe place and to access school meals. We are expecting a definition of 'key worker' later today from the Cabinet Office. It will take time to determine precisely how we enact a 'skeleton staff' next week and open schools during the Easter Holidays for children in the groups identified.

In my letter to you earlier in the week, we anticipated the announcement and have made additional resource available to children on school websites. The limited details so far released raise considerably more questions than answers. We were all working last evening and will obviously continue today to clarify as best we can what this announcement means for the schools in our Trust, for our pupils and for you. I anticipate providing more details early tomorrow.

Thank you for your support and for your patience in the meantime.

Best wishes,

Adrian Massey