

William Fletcher 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 may fall into one of these categories. Please contact the school office providing your role, name of child and class. 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 posting information on the school website, school app and school facebook page.

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.

Teachers have worked over the past couple of weeks creating a Google Classroom for your child. Information will be sent home tomorrow about how your child should access this. In addition, each child will be sent home with a school exercise book, reading book and pencil to support learning activities.

We will do our best to support children with their learning, class teachers will be able to communicate with children via Google classrooms. In addition, parents of children who have additional needs will be contacted by members of staff to further support learning. We hope that parents will support children's learning by encouraging children to take part in Google Classroom activities each day.



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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

- Breakfast or after-school clubs (**Energykidz will still continue in the first instance**)

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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 by contacting the school office.

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.

Deborah Nind

Headteacher

