



Dedicated to the Happiness of all Our Children - Success No Matter What!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my letter yesterday afternoon, 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, delivery drivers, teachers) and children with certain needs (children with an EHCP).

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 email the school office on office@chattenden.medway.sch.uk by 9am tomorrow morning. 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 notification

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.

As explained in my letter yesterday, learning will be posted on the school website.

- Please go to <https://www.chattenden.medway.sch.uk/> , click on "Our Learning" then "Home Learning".



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- Work will be posted on the individual pages for the relevant Year Group (except for Reception Class). Every day by 9am, the class teacher will post work on their class webpage which is to be undertaken that day – this will be clearly labelled using the following day's date.
- Work is to be completed in a "Home Learning Book" and this will be distributed to pupils for them to use during the school's closure. Please look after these books carefully.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

As from Monday:

- There will be no Breakfast or after-school clubs
- All external assessments have been cancelled (SATs for Year 2 and 6, the phonics screen check in Year 1 and the Year 4 multiplication check)
- At this moment in time I cannot confirm what will happen with the Year 6 school residential. We will get back to parents about this – please monitor your emails.
- As schools are closed indefinitely, all other school events (Library Vans, Book Fairs, School Concerts) will no longer be taking place.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Bright and Bold

Let's be bright and bold tomorrow. Your child can come in wearing something brightly coloured so that we all feel positive in such unusual times. We ask, if you are able to, to donate some dried food goods (pasta, rice, cans, biscuits, cereal etc.) which we will then donate to the Medway Food Bank.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can. Please remember to monitor your emails and notifications on your School Jotter app.

Yours sincerely,



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