



19th March, 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

As you are aware, the Government has now issued the statement that schools are to close to all pupils other than those whose parents are key workers or who are classed as having certain needs. We do not, at this point know for how long the schools will continue to be closed but we shall endeavour to keep you informed.

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 **by using the school website**. If you do not have access to the internet, call the school office: please be mindful the school office is open 08:45-15:30 and we are extremely busy.

If your child has a free school meal but is not expected to be at school (because you don't meet the Key worker or vulnerable pupil category) and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for your child, **by using the school website**. If you do not have access to the internet, call the school office: please be mindful the school office is open 08:45-15:30 and we are extremely busy. We will endeavour to provide one that can be collected from school. Please be aware that there may be limitations whilst we are trying to organise this.

Even though all staff will be in school (with the exception of those self-isolating or who are ill) 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 text message – please ensure that we have your current numbers – and via the website.

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. The provision we have put in place is:

- Lessons everyday will be set on a learning platform for all children to complete. These will be uploaded daily by the teacher and all children expected to complete. The website link for this will be put onto the school website (www.stmich21.bham.sch.uk).
- If you do not have internet access, a home learning pack will be available to collect from the school office for all pupils, including those that are currently off. These will be available for collection from the morning of Friday 20th March. All parents should collect these.
- Exercise books (lined and squared) will be provided when the home learning packs are collected. The homework set on the internet and paper-based work should be completed in the exercise books and checked by parents.
- The school website is being updated with home learning websites that children are expected to use. These will be checked by your children's teacher.
- If you have any queries about the work, or need to contact school, there is a section on the school website homepage where you can do this.



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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
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.

Yours faithfully,

Miss. M. Johnson
Head of School