

Witley C of E Infant 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.**

Provision will be offered to children whose parents are key workers and children with EHCPs. We are still waiting for clarification on who exactly this applies to, but yesterday the Government announced

"A key worker is somebody who works within the public sector and whose continuing employment is deemed crucial to both the economy and in helping to battle the infection".

It is important to recognise that this provision may NOT be at this site.

A provisional list of Key Worker includes:

Health Workers, Supermarket Delivery Drivers, those caring for vulnerable and elderly people, Teachers and Nursery Nurses, Police Officers and other police staff, Prison Officers and other prison staff, Firefighters, Armed Forces, Environmental Health Officers and Highway Agency workers

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, office@witley.surrey.sch.uk with your child's name, your occupation and your days of work if you think that this includes you by 12pm [midday] Friday 20th March. We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this applies 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 Parentmail. We will also include details on the school website and 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 have put together some helpful tips to help.

Please see attached information of useful websites and support that you can use at home.

If your child usually receives free school meals via pupil premium, 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

Internal exams or tests

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 via email to the school office, office@witley.surrey.sch.uk

We will maintain communication with you through parentmail.

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.

Nicki Payne

Acting Headteacher