

Learning and Caring Together,  
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

As you will have seen, the government has announced new guidance and directives for schools as they strive to manage the spread and impact of Coronavirus.

This is an anxious time for us all as we prioritise safety and make adjustments in our working and family lives. I am writing this morning to ask you to be patient and supportive as we respond and prepare in line with information received and official directives. I emphasise that, at this point, we only know what has been reported publicly.

We currently know that school will be open as usual today, Thursday 19th March, and Friday 20th March. After this point, schools will be closed to the majority of pupils until further notice.

From Monday 23rd March our school may be open for some children including the children of ‘Key Workers’. Examples of Key Worker roles have been given by the government as ‘NHS Staff, Police and Delivery Drivers’. This is all the detail we have so far but we expect to be provided with more information and a full list of Key Worker roles by the government today.

I ask that you do not contact the school office or Mrs Leese regarding school closure today. Staff need to be available to respond promptly to further directives expected, to finalise plans for closing the school and prepare to support children, families and staff as appropriate.

I will be writing to you again later today to update you further on plans for next week and beyond.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support and understanding as our community pulls together to ensure that everybody is as safe and healthy as possible.

With very best wishes



Sue Machin  
Principal