



19 March 2020

Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the government has instructed all schools to close, as from the end of school on Friday 20th March 2020, to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As such, The Hendreds School will be closed from 5:30pm on Friday 20th March 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. If only one parent / carer is a key worker, we assume that this would not apply for their children.

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 that you may be classified as a “key worker”.

We will 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is through our normal means of communication.

I appreciate that the sudden closure will cause a lot of inconvenience and concern, but it is important that we follow government guidance. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding and reassure you that the school will remain in contact during the period of closure. I will update you further as soon as possible.

Further Coronavirus information

For further information on coronavirus symptoms, how to prevent the spread and what to do if you suspect you or a family member may have the virus, please follow advice at www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Chris Savage



Key worker information

I confirm that I am classified as a key worker **and my child will be attending school from Monday 23rd March 2020.**

I understand that the school will be offering an alternative educational provision as current circumstances do not allow for a normal teaching timetable.

Signed.....

FORENAME	
SURNAME	
OCCUPATION	
EMPLOYER	
PUPIL'S NAME	
CLASS	

Please return as soon as possible to the school office or via email to office.3250@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk