

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils from end of day, Friday, March 20 2020

Following on from my update yesterday, I am 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.**

A reminder that only primary phase, Years 10 and 11 will be in the academy tomorrow due to the number of staff not currently in school. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be completing home learning.

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 identified needs who we have already contacted directly.

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 us using post@bournville.bham.sch.uk giving your child's name, year and form group by Friday 20th March at 12.00noon. 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 sending out a text call and we will update our website too.

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.

- Students can find work for all subjects on Show My Homework. Where parents and pupils can find work set for them, such as in a resource pack or on a website
- Students should complete work every day. There will be a plentiful supply on Show My Homework including links to a range of books that students should read

- You can contact school by sending an email to post@bournville.bham.sch.uk or by emailing the teacher direct. All email addresses are on our website.
- Further information will be posted on our website over the coming weeks.

If your child usually receives free school meals 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.

Examination

As you will know, all public examinations in May and June have been cancelled, including GCSEs and A-levels as well as England's primary school national curriculum tests, known as SATS.

Clearly, this is a difficult time for all of the young people affected and their families.

As we find out more information over the coming days and weeks, we will share that with you and work in partnership to deliver the best outcomes for all our young people.

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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email using post@bournville.bham.sch.uk.

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 sincerely

Miss M Green
Head of Academy