



19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I am now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children at the end of the school day 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 Education Healthcare Plans.

Key workers include:

- Medical, nursing and paramedic / ambulance staff, healthcare assistants and administrators (in GP practices / health clinics)
- Workers in adult social care, social workers, childminders (certificate of registration needed), nursery staff (including those in private / independent and community nurseries)
- Fire and police
- Delivery drivers who cannot make other childcare arrangements.

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 are a keyworker, and whether you think that you will need to make use of a place at school.

Please contact the office by email: admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk by **10am Friday 20th March**

Children who currently have an education, health and care plan (EHC plan) or are supported through exceptional needs grant (ENG), or are defined as vulnerable, awaiting statutory assessment and currently receiving support by social care will also be able to attend school. We will be contacting the parents and carers of these children individually.

At present, we still intend to run a breakfast club which will be open from 8am and the school day will run from 8.55 am to 3.20pm.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23rd March, until further notice.

Please note that this is a national closure, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and we will let you know when this is by text and email when we have more information.

What we will continue doing while your child is at home:

Your child's learning is very important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn.

Children will be able to access learning via the "Seesaw" app. We will send out further information on how to access this learning before the school closes.

We expect all children to have to have a daily learning routine and to complete the work set by their class teacher. The teachers will be able to check that work has been completed and they will also be able to give feedback when necessary.

Please take a look at the instruction sheets for using the app in the learning journals your children will be receiving today. Please come to the school on Friday morning and someone will be of assistance.

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide for them. There is support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

The government has cancelled the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs for this year. The Year 1 Phonics Screening and the Year 4 Times Tables Checks have also been cancelled and so children will not be taking part in these assessments.

This is as much as we know right now and we really do 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 that it is far from ideal. We will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via admin@hawley.camden.sch.uk.

Whilst your children are at home, please keep an eye on our website, as we will be posting information there on a regular basis.

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. We will be in touch again very soon.

FOR THOSE FAMILIES NOT IN SCHOOL TODAY, PLEASE COME TO SCHOOL TOMORROW AT THE END OF THE DAY TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNALS WHERE WE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

Yours sincerely,

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