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19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

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

As such, Burford Primary School will be closed from **3.10pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice**. **There will be no afterschool club provision.**

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, 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” or your child has additional needs (eg. Educational Health Care Plan).

Please email the school office if you believe you are a key worker without another parent/carer who can stay at home. This information is required **by 9.00 a.m. tomorrow morning**, stating your occupation and employer so that we can ascertain the needs for our pupils/families.

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'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by ParentMail and information publicized on the school's webpage.

It is vitally important that our school remains in contact with our community in an ongoing way as much as possible. At Burford Primary School, we will do this in the following ways:

All communication can be made via the school office email address – [office.2251@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2251@burford-pri.oxon.sch.uk) This will be checked on a regular, daily basis throughout this difficult time.

We will continue to update you via Parentmail as and when the situation changes. Tomorrow, each child will be sent home with a work pack. Families who are not at school today will be able to collect these from the school office tomorrow.



If you are self-isolating please arrange for another family or friend to collect the pack.

If it is not possible to send work home with a child, or not able to be collected by the end of the day tomorrow, there will be information about home learning sent by ParentMail to all parents by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

At the moment, we do not know how things will develop, but we envisage sending more work on a weekly basis as needed. This might be e-mailed or placed on the website – we will let you know when the future is clearer.

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.

I would like to end this letter by stating how proud we all are of our wonderful children, parents and carers. We really look forward to the next time that we can be together as a whole school family.

**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](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

Yours sincerely

Miss Lisa Austin & Mrs Clare Silvester

Interim Head Teachers