



George Dixon Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm 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.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children with certain needs. 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 by filling in the form attached to this letter.

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 texting you and updating our website.

The recommended advice is that families put together a schedule for each day and try to keep to a routine, and that a part of that should be school based activities. We know that nothing will be able to replace the education children get at school, and that your homes are not schools, and that many parents will be trying to manage working from home on top of child care. However, we know you will do your best for your children.

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 voucher scheme that the government has just announced.

As a result of the school closure, we will need to postpone upcoming school trips and parents evening. You may also have heard that national assessments such as SATs have been cancelled for this academic year.

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.

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We will be continuing to update the website with key messages and have added a home learning page for you to use. We will also continue to use our texting service to let you know of any key messages. If you need to get in touch with us, please use our enquiry@georgedixonprimary.bham.sch.uk This will be monitored daily.

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; we will be in touch with more information when we can. We will miss you and your children greatly and cannot wait to welcome you back once it is considered safe to do so.

Yours Sincerely,



Shaela Good

We use several online services; your child's login details below:

SERVICE	USERNAME	PASSWORD
MyMaths	School	george1
	Personal	triangle194
Timestable Rockstars		
Accelerated Reader (year 3, 4 and 5)		
Rising Stars (year 6)		

A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER

While children aren't at school they are likely to spend a bit more time than usual using the internet.

It is really important that when children are online that parents and carers monitor what children are doing online; which websites they are visiting, and who they are interacting with. This includes services like Play Station Network, Xbox Live and Nintendo Switch Online where children have regular opportunities to actually speak to total strangers. **We know you would not let this happen in real life, so please do not let it happen online**



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For Parents who are Key Workers:

In light of the information above, please let us know if you are a Key worker and require the school to stay open to look after your child. The school can only stay open for children who have both parents as key workers or for lone parents and where there are no other care options for your family. The definition of a key worker is yet to be defined by the government, but is likely to include NHS staff, Teachers and nursery nurses, Police officers, Community Support Officers and some civilian police staff, Prison officers and some other Prison staff, Probation Service staff, Social workers, Educational psychologists and therapists, Local Authority Planners, Firefighters, Connexions Personal Advisers, Some Ministry of Defence personnel, Environmental Health Officer, Highways England Traffic Officers.

This will be staffed on a rotational basis, following government guidelines to keep staffing numbers as low as possible.

Please return if you are a key worker (you may need to provide evidence of this) and would like your child to continue to come to school during this time:

Child's name _____ Class _____

Parent's Occupation _____ Employer _____

Other additional information the school may need to know:

Please return to school by Friday, 20th March 2020

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Good
Head Teacher _____

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