



Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Coronavirus update – School closure to most pupils**

Following advice yesterday from the UK government, I am writing to inform you that from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, school will be closed to **almost all children** until further notice.

However, school will **remain open for the following students**, should parents/carers require their child to attend:

- Children of emergency service worker's children, including health staff, delivery drivers, all first responders and social workers.
- Our most vulnerable learners include students with EHCP and those with a social worker.

**Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care.**

If your child sits within one of these categories we will contact you to make educational provision. **All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

The government has also announced that to support children eligible for free school meals, schools will be able to purchase meals or vouchers for supermarkets or local shops. More information on this will follow. We will text out details when we know more on how this will work.

**Guidance: The Continuation of Learning**

The expectation for us at school is that although the building is closed, both staff and students are still continuing to work. Although the government has announced that exams will not take place, we don't know whether students will still be expected to take examinations at a later date, and therefore it is essential that Year 11 students continue to prepare for examinations at some point and that younger students continue to learn. See attached letter for more guidance. If you have further queries regarding the online platforms or about the work that has been set contact our Deputy Headteacher, Chris Whittaker - [cwhittaker@coalclough.org](mailto:cwhittaker@coalclough.org)

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## Safeguarding

- If you feel that you require additional support or have any safeguarding concerns about any children these can be reported to the local safeguarding team on: **0300 123 6720 (0330 123 6722 outside working hours)** or the police on **101 or 999 in an emergency**
- Designated Safeguarding Leads from school will still be contactable if you have any worries:
  - Nat Eatwell: 07715 661361 - [neatwell@coalclough.org](mailto:neatwell@coalclough.org)
  - Lauren Keenan: 07870 104979 - [lkeenan@coalclough.org](mailto:lkeenan@coalclough.org)
  - Holly Clarke: 07591 202264 - [hclarke@coalclough.org](mailto:hclarke@coalclough.org)

## General guidance re: Covid-19

- Anyone with a fever or persistent cough should stay at home for seven days if they live alone or 14 days if they live with others. Anyone who lives with someone displaying coronavirus symptoms should also stay at home for 14 days. **People who have to isolate themselves** should ask others for help.
- Everyone should stop non-essential contact and travel, working at home where possible. This is particularly important for people over 70, those with underlying health conditions and pregnant women.
- By the weekend, those with the most serious health conditions should be largely shielded from social contact for 12 weeks
- If you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Please continue to visit the school website and follow us on twitter for regular updates.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well, advise you to strictly follow government guidance and stay safe and healthy.

I look forward to welcoming students back into school at the earliest opportunity.

Best wishes

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