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Dear parents/carers

COVID - 19 Coronavirus Closure Letter

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from our last update, I'm writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday, 20th March, until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all that 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.

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 and you would like them to attend school. If you think that you are eligible, please contact the school by phone **01670 789 276** or email ASAP: admin@stannington.northumberland.sch.uk

Please state your child's name and class. 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 e-mailing parents and carers directly and by posting information on our website and social media.

Supporting learning while your child is at home

Your child's continued learning is of course very important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- We will be sending home learning packs (paper copies) with children today. If your child is not at school, let us know if someone can drop a pack off for you.
- We have also been working on how to continue education remotely. You will have been sent home a login for School360 - this will have been sent with your child on Wednesday 18th or will come in a separate e-mail. Keep this safe - information about how to login and access the Learning Platform will follow in a separate e-mail. This information will also explain how you can contact your child's teacher.



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- You will have already received an e-mail with details of how to login to Oxford Owl - you can use this to access e-books at home.
- Children should aim to complete a spelling or phonics activity, a maths activity and one additional piece of work every day while the school is closed. Also, try to read every day with your child.

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.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

We will not be going ahead with the following activities:

- Music lessons delivered by peripatetic staff - keyboard, guitar
- School trips and swimming lessons
- Internal exams or tests
- The following after school clubs - STEM, Little Movers, Gymnastics, Choir

We may need to make some changes to our Breakfast and After School club provision but will confirm this ASAP.

This is as much as we know right now and we 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 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 our e-mail address:

admin@stannington.northumberland.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.

Kind regards

Mrs A Palmer



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