



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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, 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice**. As a country we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The government, having acted upon scientific advice, has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

However, as advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the limited number of children who absolutely need to attend. These are children of key workers (see link on website front page) and children with EHCPs, those supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including those with child in need plans, or on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, and disabled children.

Children who have at least one parent or carer who are identified as a key worker by the government can attend school **if required**. However, the government has also advised that 'many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure that their child is kept at home. **And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be**'.

If you meet the above criteria, your child will be able to attend school from 8.40am – 3.15pm each day, where a modified timetable will have been put in place. Our breakfast club will run from 7.45am – 8.40am for any pupils of the identified group who normally attend this facility.

If you are a key worker and your child will be attending school during this period, could you please phone/email the school office to provide your child's name and year group if you have not yet done so. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in uniform as normal on Monday with their pencil case and homework pack.

If your work is part time, please identify the days when your child will be attending school during the week.

**All other children must remain at home, and we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you will have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully when instructed to do so and will keep in touch via the school texting service and website.

**What we'll continue doing while your child is at home:**

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

Our plan for continuing education remotely includes the following:

- Resource packs have been provided to all pupils – please ensure your child completes the work – this can be returned to school once we re-open
- There is further information and links to educational resources on our website
- We will keep in touch with you via text messages to let you know further details after the Easter holiday or if we have any further updates from the government

**Any** child who usually receives free school meals will still be provided with this. The kitchen will provide a packed lunch bag which is to be collected from the kitchen between 12 – 1.30pm by parents/carers.

**What we won't be able to go ahead with:**

- School trips
- After-school clubs
- Events
- Y6 SAT exams or the Year 4 Multiplication check

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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the office email address: [office@carltonjunior.org.uk](mailto:office@carltonjunior.org.uk) or by phone on 0115 9110402.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#). The 'stay at home' guidance still remains the same as we have communicated with you over the past week.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Wood  
Head Teacher