



Dear parents / 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 children with certain needs.

It would help us if you could let us know whether you fall into any one of the two categories. If you are unsure then please contact the school on 01332 760610. School admin will continue to stay open and be a point of contact for parents with questions or concerns.

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 text and through the school website. Please ensure that school has the correct contact details for you if you are not sure then please call the school office from Monday, normal working hours apply.

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.

- Resource packs have been delivered to the home of each child
- The website will show links of resources which your child can access throughout their absence
- Ideas and suggestions will be made available to you by your child's teacher through Marvellous Me

To enable us to continue to offer you our support, we will be making regular phone contact with you throughout the time that school remains closed, to speak to you and to speak to your child(ren). The purpose of these phone calls is to 'check in' – ask how you all are doing, offer any help or advice, and support where we can with any issues. We may also conduct a home visit to check in.

These phone calls and visits will happen throughout the week but we will try our best to keep them to these days:

- Monday – Year 4
- Tuesday – Year 5
- Wednesday – Year 6
- Thursday – Year 3

FSM provision

All parents of children eligible for free school meals will be invited to Pear Tree Infant school on WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH between 10 am and 12 noon to collect a food parcel. Infant children will be able to collect their parcels between 1 pm and 3 pm. We ask that parents bring a bag with them to carry the items home. We will be unable to allocate food parcels at any time other than that stated above.

Until further notice we will not be going ahead with

- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

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 by calling the school office or by emailing the school on admin@peartreej.derby.sch.uk we shall ensure someone responds to your concern as soon as we can.

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 continue to keep in touch!

Mr Andrew Sharp
Headteacher