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Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Following on from the Government update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after today until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all 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 who are supported by an EHCP plan or a social worker.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from today 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 our school website and by text message.

### 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.

All pupils have been sent home with a pack of work last week and 3 school reading books.

In the pack is a useful list of online websites that pupils can access to continue their learning.

From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, work will be uploaded to our website, on a weekly basis, for your children to access through their class page. For Years 4 to 6, work will be set on [Kidblog.org](http://Kidblog.org) as well as the website and your child should have received a password for this site from their teacher today.

If your child usually receives free school meals and you have opted in for collecting a packed lunch from school each day, this will be available to collect from 11.00am-12.00pm on a daily basis, starting from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Please ensure you (the parent) or a responsible adult, who is well and known to the school, collects the packed lunch from the school's office. If you fail to collect the lunch on two occasions we will no longer provide this service for your child/ren in order to reduce food waste, unless you let the school know you are self-isolating. This service will initially be provided on school days from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

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, via the school's website.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via telephone or by emailing the school on [enquiry@stjosb7.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stjosb7.bham.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](https://www.nhs.uk).

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher