



23rd March 2020

Dear parents/carers

Re: Coronavirus update – reminder of school closure to most pupils

I'm writing to remind you that school will be closed to almost all children from Tuesday 24th March 2020 until further notice.

While we regret that this is the situation, we have to follow the latest government advice.

Therefore, we do not expect to see your children on Tuesday unless:

- Any parent or carer in your household is a critical worker and you won't be able to care for your child or children at home
- They have a child protection plan
- They have an education, health and care plan
- They need other specialist support – in which case the school, your local authority or your social worker will contact you directly

If your child falls into one of the categories above it's up to you to decide as a family whether your child comes into school. We will support them in school if you need us to.

If your child falls into one of the categories above and you haven't already told us, please let us know immediately by emailing keyworker@stjamesheadle.co.uk otherwise we are not expecting to see your child on Tuesday morning and we will need to send them home. If your child does attend, please ensure you provide them with a packed lunch, as the canteen will be closed.

Please can we take this opportunity to thank parents/carers who have understood and respected the government advice about only sending in pupils when absolutely necessary, as this is helping us to keep our St James' family safe during this difficult time.

Pupils who receive free school meals

If your child receives free school meals but isn't eligible to attend school from Monday, we can help make alternative provision for you. We will be posting out supermarket vouchers that can be used to buy food.

I know this is a difficult time for many of you, and the next few weeks will be an adjustment for all of us. We are doing everything we can to support children and families at this time and appreciate your patience and support. Please do help us by following the advice set out above.

I'll be back in touch with more information as soon as possible.

Remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Yours sincerely

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