

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 (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. Please let Mrs. Buckley know in the office by ringing 0161 770 8351. 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 using the school text messaging service and by notices put on the school 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. Each child will receive a learning pack to take home with them on Friday. Those parents whose children are not in school already can arrange to pick up these packs from the school office. We will be issuing further instructions of how best to contact the school during the closure, but in the meantime I would advise you should ring the normal school number 0161 770 8351, the email address- [info@beever.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@beever.oldham.sch.uk) or the school text messaging number 07860 095209.

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**

All events that have been planned for the next two weeks will be cancelled, and this includes breakfast club provision. Primary School assessments such as SATs and Phonics screening assessments have also been cancelled for this year.

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.

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.

Mr. G. Oates  
Headteacher