

19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

The school will be closed from Friday afternoon except for children of key workers and vulnerable children.

Parents and carers who are key workers at this time, such as NHS staff, police, teachers, social workers and supermarket delivery drivers, and who are not able to make other childcare arrangements (and therefore would not be able to go to work unless their child attends school), are able to send their child to the Academy. This is part of the Government's response to slow the spread of the Coronavirus and it is expected that where possible children should remain at home with suitable care.

At present the government have not confirmed a list of key workers, as soon as they have done so we will update you. We need to know how best to plan, so if you self-identify as a key worker in the context of front-line services to support the national effort, please complete this short online form:

<https://forms.gle/bVVkHW1bE1UsGUcA> by 12 noon Friday 20 March.

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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by email, text and information on our website.

What we will continue doing while your child is at home: Please refer to my previous letter with details about home learning.

Your child's continued learning is important and so we will continue to provide resources to enable this.

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.

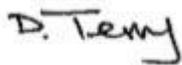
This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share urgent concerns, please do so via email to Jeanette.booth@theoxfordacademy.org.uk

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.

Yours faithfully



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