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Dear Parent / Carers,

### **Coronavirus update on school closure**

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 the key worker categories.

**From Monday 23 March 2020, we ask that you keep your child at home, unless you receive written confirmation that they have been invited to come in to school.**

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.

### **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 by providing

- access to learning resources and lessons set by their teachers on our school website [www.silsschools.org](http://www.silsschools.org)
- work packs for students who may not have access to the internet at home

and it is our expectation that your child completes the work set and returns them for marking by their teachers. Further details on this will be provided.

**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**

The extraordinary circumstances of the current times mean that the following events are cancelled or postponed until further notice:



qualifications that they need. As more details are released we will be doing everything we can to notify you and to help students understand what it means for them.

Over today and tomorrow we will be planning for the limited opening offer for the children of key workers and other children that the government wants us to keep in school. At this point we cannot give you any more details, but we will let you know what our plans are as soon as possible.

All staff have worked tirelessly this week to ensure we have 'home learning' arrangements in place. With learning activities and lessons uploaded to our website [www.silsschools.org](http://www.silsschools.org) and work packs available for those unable to access resources online.

We will work hard to make sure this is a seamless transition for all and we will be talking to your child about what will happen next to help them to make sense of it all, to keep them calm and reassure them.

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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via school office 020 75251150

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.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yomi Adewoye', enclosed in a simple oval scribble.

Yomi Adewoye  
Headteacher