



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

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

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 from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 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 and would be sending them to school. Please email [admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk) or call the school office on 0161 368 2934 with your child's name, year group and your profession. 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 through the school website <http://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/> and Twitter @StPaulsHyde

## 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.

- On the school website, follow the tab for '**Home Learning**' where parents and pupils can find work set for each Year Group and lots of website links
- Parents can contact class teachers through dedicated email addresses. Further information to follow.

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

- School trips
- Sports clubs
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Any planned school events
- Internal exams or tests and SATs for Year 2 & Year 6

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 may present some difficulties, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch, please don't hesitate to do so via email [admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.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](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, the St Paul's community is a fantastic one, and I know that you will all try to do the very best for the children of our school. We will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

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