



Alver Valley Infant & Nursery and Junior Schools

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Dear parents/carers,

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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 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 where both parents are impacted (e.g. NHS staff, police, and supermarket delivery drivers) and children with certain needs such as Education Health Care Plans or an allocated social worker.

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. We will 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 email and text message.

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.

We are sending home packs of learning tasks and ideas on Thursday. If you are already self-isolating you can nominate someone else to collect and post your child's pack through your door. We will also make packs available to be collected from the front of school if you are well and have shown no symptoms. Collection times will be 3.15-4pm Thursday and 10am-11.30 and 3.15-4pm Friday 20th March.

Parents and pupils can find further learning on the school website and pupils have been sent home with log ins for a number of online learning activities to for example times table rock stars and numberbots.



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School staff can be contacted via email and in Early Years we will continue to use Tapestry to connect with children and families. Also make sure you follow the school on social media for continued connection and updates.

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
- Events
- Tests and screening such as SATS (as directed by the Department for Education)

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 any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the usual channels.

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.

Best wishes at this difficult time,

Mrs Roseblade
Executive Headteacher



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