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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 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 have contacted the parents of the 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 now if you think you are a key worker. If you are a two-parent family and your partner is not a key worker, your child can stay at home with your partner. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to. It is crucial that you email the school **today** at admin@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk to inform us that you fit in this category and need a school place. Please can you also tell us if you also require a Breakfast Club place from 8am (no 7.30am places will be available from Monday) and also an After-School Club place until 6pm. Please note these places are **ONLY** for children of Key Workers who already access these facilities – a payment will still apply to After School Club.

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 via email and text when this will be.

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.

Teachers will be contacting you with details of the home-learning. They will email you regularly with new learning unless you have requested packs of learning where you do not have access to the internet at home.

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 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.

We are also sending you our email addresses soon. We are here if you need us but I have to look after my teachers who will also be in work teaching the children who are in. They will try and respond as soon as possible between the hours of 9am and 3pm on a week day but please be patient if it takes them a few days to get back to you- please don't bombard them- there are 30 of you to one teacher!

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.

We wish you and your families well and we will see you all on the other side of this.

Best wishes,

Sara Anderman



