



ST. PAUL'S PEEL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stocksfield Drive, Little Hulton, Salford, M38 9RB
Tel: 0161 790 2327

Headteacher: Miss Barker

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update - school closure to most pupils

This is not a letter I ever expected or wanted to write as a Headteacher, but we are facing an unprecedented situation not only in schools, but also across our communities and country.

Following on from the Government update on Wednesday 18th March, I am now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to most children on Friday 20th March 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 social workers and Education, Health and Care Plans.

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 school know in the morning if you feel, as parents, that you may fall into the category defined as a 'Key Worker'.

We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure whom 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 if you have not been notified by us, that you are eligible for the care provision schools are being asked to provide for key workers.

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 message and information posted on the school website.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn.

Work packs will be available for all pupils in school and accessible via the school website. These will be updated weekly on the website, to ensure the continuity and progress of Home Learning Opportunities,

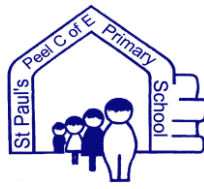
If your child usually receives free school meals, we will work alongside Citywide, who is committed to working with each school to keep kitchens open to provide meals for the children in school (who are eligible) and 'grab bags' for those eligible children that require a meal whilst they are not in school. Grab bags will need to be collected from school, unless families are self-isolating. Further details regarding the arrangements for this will be sent out to all parents of children receiving free school meal entitlement.

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 need to get in touch, please don't hesitate to do so via the school telephone number (790 2327) or email address (stpaulspeel.ceprimaryschool@salford.gov.uk).

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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 sincerely,

Miss Barker
Headteacher



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