



## ST. THOMAS' LEESFIELD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Dear parents/carers,

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

Following on from information received yesterday, we are now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3:20pm 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 liaising with the local authority to advise parents on the support offered.

At present, we are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, and will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to and have further information on what arrangements are to be put in place.

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. After Friday, we will continue to keep you updated by the class teachers2parents emailing system and text messaging service. We will also be posting regular updates on our 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'll continue to help your child to learn.

Home learning packs are being prepared and these will be sent home with your child/children at home time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Information will also be put onto to our school website on the class individual pages.

Our initial packs should have enough work for the children to complete for 20 days and after this time, teachers will set further learning tasks via our school website and parentmail/email.

If in the event staff are unable to do this due to being impacted by the coronavirus, we will let you know and wherever possible provide alternative arrangements. Please consider that this may not always be possible and respect that as a school, all staff will do their very best to ensure you have direction with regards to home schooling your child.

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. At the time of writing, we do not know how this scheme will work but we will keep you updated as soon as more news, guidelines are published.

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 email address [head@leesfield.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:head@leesfield.oldham.sch.uk). Questions and concerns will be collated and addressed to the whole community in due course.

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 faithfully

Mrs C. Ireland and Mrs P. Glynn

Head teachers