



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus update – School closure to most pupils

The Government's decision to close schools in response to the Covid-19 situation is a strategy to reduce levels of social interaction. Providing continued access for the children of key workers is a central element of the overall strategy and we are keen to provide this service in order that key workers can continue to support the country at this difficult time.

It is very important that this access is provided for key workers and headteachers have been tasked with identifying precisely who these children are and how much access they will require. To view the government's list of critical workers please visit the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Further guidance for parents is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

If after reading the guidance you believe you qualify for childcare, please complete the questionnaire and return it to admin@robertshaw.nottingham.sch.uk as soon as possible. **You must wait for confirmation of a place before attending school.** This will be emailed to you as soon as possible.

If at all possible your children should be kept at home – this is an important part of the social isolation strategy intended to slow down the spread of the virus.

Consider that in coming to school your children will be mixing with other children.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school after Friday 20th March onwards.

Please note this is a national closure so while this 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, text message and 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'll continue to help your child to learn. All children have been set suggested activities to complete during school closure and additional resources are available on the school website.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will be sending school vouchers to be redeemed at ASDA.

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 impacted you and your family and it's from ideal but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops and to do our utmost to support your child's education whilst the situation continues.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via the school office or email admin@robertshaw.nottingham.sch.uk . And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Coker', written in a cursive style.

Mrs K Coker
Head Teacher