



# Spire Federation

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Dear Parents/ carers

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

Following last night's update from the government regarding school closures, I'm sure you will have many questions about what the new steps mean for your children and your families. School will indeed close for the vast majority of pupils on Friday and remain so until further notice.

There are many details which need to be worked out for those who might still be entitled to attend school and we will need to receive further guidance which we have been told we will receive later on today. One of those details is the criteria for key workers, when we have this list from the Government, we will be issuing a questionnaire to parents/carers to ascertain the numbers of parents that fall into these groups and how many children need educational provision across the federation.

## All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

I am sure that you can appreciate at this time of extreme uncertainty, we, as all schools do across the country have a huge range of organisational matters to attend to. We are relying on further clarification from the Government and the Local Authority about what we can do. Decisions will be made as soon as seemingly possible, and you will be informed when they do.

In the meantime, please do not contact the office directly as we will not be able to give answers until plans are in place. Information will be shared through ParentMail and we ask that you keep a close watch for notifications. 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. 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.

Please speak carefully, thoughtfully and reassuringly to your children, they need our love and guidance more than ever at this time.

Keep safe and take care.

Kind regards,

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