



19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Urgent COVID-19 School Update

As I am sure you are all aware the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, made the announcement yesterday that all schools in England will close from Friday afternoon, until further notice. It is with a heavy heart that I therefore close the doors to Camp Primary and Nursery School for the majority of our pupils in the midst of such uncertainty.

The children's learning of course remains important to us, so we'll continue to support your children to learn. Our commitment to you is that as a staff team we will remain working, albeit remotely and whilst in good health, and continue to ensure we provide regular communication and a remote educational provision for your children. You already have logins for key online packages and from Monday we will be uploading work daily on the remote learning page of the website. We will also provide a remote learning email address for any questions and support you may need.

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 other identified children who most need this on-going provision. We are starting to plan what this provision could look like and how it will be structured but there are still some unknowns. However, what I do know is that we will seek to ensure that we do everything that we possibly can to support the key workers in our community. The school day will not run as it would usually and we will have to be dynamic and creative in this provision. **If you think that you may fall into this category and would be looking for your child to be attending school, we ask that you complete the form we will be emailing out later this morning and return it as soon as possible.**

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 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 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 – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we are advised that we can safely do so and once again provide the happy and nurturing learning environment for your children.

Please do follow the Government and Public Health England advice and do all you can to slow the spread of this awful virus. Remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

If any of our families are struggling financially or emotionally, I urge you to remain in close contact with the School and we will endeavour to support you in any way we possibly can. If you need to contact me regarding any issues linked to this letter please use the following email address – head@camp.herts.sch.uk

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

I wish you all only good health.

Kind regards,
Sharon Barton
Headteacher