

**ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
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Dear Parent/Carers,

19th March 2020

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I expect that you will have heard the announcement the Prime Minister made yesterday; **schools in England will close for most pupils at the end on this Friday 20th March**. This is devastating news for you as parents, us as school staff and for the children however we all understand the reason why this decision has been made by the Government. Please be assured that I am working with the staff, and other local Headteachers, to do all that we can to support you and your children during this time.

We do, of course, have a staff training day tomorrow so for the time being **today is the last day at school for most children**.

Whilst closure is the headline, we are required to make provision for the children of 'key workers', as well as vulnerable pupils, whilst we can - dependant on the health of the staff. I will write to you again regarding how these arrangements are to work once we have finalised our plans.

Teachers will be setting work for children to complete at home – tasks will be posted on the school website and sent to you by email. Again, further detail regarding this will follow.

We will maintain email contact with you throughout the closure, I will let you know who you can contact and how when this is confirmed.

I urge you to continue to follow the advice of the health and Government professionals in order to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe.

Thank you for your understanding during these difficult and challenging times and please bear with us as we move to this new way of working.

This is as much as I know right now and I appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. I 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.

Yours sincerely

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