



Altmore & Lathom Schools Federation

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19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following yesterday's Government announcement, I'm writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.

As advised by the Government, we will do all that we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, Police, others in frontline services) and children with additional needs.

We are waiting for the Government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. School is open today (Thursday) and tomorrow, so please come and speak to any member of the Leadership Team. We will be available until 6.00 p.m. this evening and tomorrow evening if you would like to speak to us.

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

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

Please note that this is a national closure (as you will have heard in the news), so while it 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 going to happen.

Please keep checking the school website for information.

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.

- Children have been testing their logins for the online learning platforms that we use: *SeeSaw* (Altmore) and *Google Classroom* (Lathom) in readiness for *remote teaching and learning* at home.
- Teachers will be in daily contact via these online platforms with your children.
- Staff have been preparing home learning packs and projects for children to be able to continue their studies at home. This includes a very clear timetable, a list of websites and other resource and learning ideas.

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 LBN.

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

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If you have any questions

- Please speak to a member of the Leadership Team.
- If you want to know more about the symptoms of coronavirus please log onto the NHS website link: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.
- If you think you or your child may have the symptoms, use NHS 111 online; <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19> if at all possible before calling 111
- Department for Education's Coronavirus helpline: 0800 046 8687, if you have any questions about the Government's response to coronavirus in relation to schools.

We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Yours sincerely,

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