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

Following on from my last update, I'm now 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. We will continue with all clubs as normal for Thursday and Friday including breakfast, tea time club and after school clubs.

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 vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans.

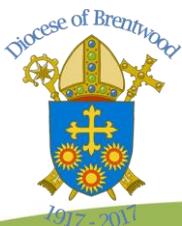
We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories.

- email the school at the following address [info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk) - please include the following information:
  - Your child's name and class
  - Your key worker role (please attach proof to confirm this role)
- complete a key worker form which can be obtained at the school office

**Please provide this information by Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 12:00 noon.** 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 may have heard in the news - so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully soon as we are advised to do so by the government.



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Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

Your child will be coming home today with a pack of work for English and Maths, I would advise that your child completes one Maths activity and one English activity each day along with another subject such as Science, History/Geography, Computing, French, etc.

In addition, your child's class teacher has also set work for your child on the following school online platforms:

Bug Club - [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Education City - <https://www.educationcity.com/>

Times Tables Rock Star - <https://trockstars.com/>

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 with us 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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via [info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-francis.newham.sch.uk)

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what 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.

Kind regards,

Natasha Scott  
Head Teacher



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