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Dear parents/carers, 19.03.20

St.Andrew's

Ramsbottom

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. 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 children with certain 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 by calling the school office. 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 as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. You will find a weekly unit of work on the school website. Please go into "Our Learning" and then into your child's class page. You will find the unit of work there. This unit of work will change weekly. There will be further letter about this today/tomorrow.

Parents must use the school's email address to contact school with any queries. If the email is directed to a particular member of staff please include their name in the subject.

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.

All the statutory assessments for this school year have been cancelled:

End of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assessments (including tests and teacher assessment); Phonics Screening Check; Multiplication tables check; Primary school performance measures will not be published for the 2019/2020 academic year.

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.

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.

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