



Cravenwood Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Temporary Closure of Cravenwood Primary Academy

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that all schools in England will close temporarily for the vast majority of children from 3:15pm on Friday 20th March. This decision has been taken on the advice of medical and scientific experts in order to manage the spread of COVID-19 and relieve pressure on the health system.

From Monday 23rd March, pupils' education will continue from home.

We have prepared well for these circumstances so that all pupils can continue their education from home during the closure. I am extremely grateful to staff across the Academy for the way in which they have taken on this challenge.

Learning will be posted on the school website so children have daily tasks to complete. Teachers will phone and speak to children at least twice a week about their learning and to keep in touch.

The Academy will, however, remain open for two specific groups of pupils:

- Those whose parents are defined as key workers (employed in the NHS, emergency services or elements of the food supply chain);
- Those who are particularly vulnerable.

I would ask that parents who believe they fall into the category of key workers and will want their child to be supervised in school during this time to contact the school as soon as possible and no later than 10 am on Friday 20th March via inschool@cravenwoodprimary.org.uk so that we can arrange for your child to continue to attend school.

We will be identifying those pupils who are in the second category and will be contacting their parents and carers separately to confirm your child's attendance. If you believe your child falls into this latter category and you have not heard from us by 9am on Friday 20th March please contact us on the above email address.

The Government has also decided that no external exams will take place this academic year and SATS will therefore not be going ahead.

We will be finalising how we can ensure that pupils on Free School Meals will receive entitlement to food over the next few days. We will be doing everything we can to deliver whatever is required of us by Government.

We will likewise be ensuring that Year 6 pupils' transition to secondary school will be handled appropriately and, in due course, I will update parents fully on this.