



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

Principal Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Parent,

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) 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. As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers. The Government has not specified the definition of a vulnerable child, but at this time we believe this to be children with EHCP's, children with a social worker and children in care.

The definition of key workers has not been released by the Government as of yet, but we believe this will include, NHS staff, emergency services, teachers, care home workers, delivery drivers and military personnel.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means. In the meantime, if you fall into one of the key worker categories above, and will be sending your child into school, please provide us with the following information:

Child name:
Year group:
Parent name:
Place of work and front-line service:
Place of work contact number:
Current requirements for attendance to school:
Does your child currently use by the School bus?

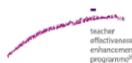
This information should be emailed to ask@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk by the end of the school day. Please ensure the subject line contains the title, 'Key Worker Provision'. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Children should be following the Government's guidance of social distancing and should not be leaving the house unnecessarily to meet friends. Please see the current guidance on the Government website.

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 the InTouch system, website and social media outlets.

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. Please refer to the school website for all of our advice and guidance <https://www.lydiardparkacademy.org.uk/>



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If your child usually receives a free school meal, the Government are working on a voucher scheme. In the meantime, we will be in touch with more information about how we will support free school meals over the coming days whilst the Government scheme is being finalised.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

As I am sure you're all aware, we will not be able to offer:

School trips

Breakfast or after-school clubs

Events

Internal exams or tests

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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via

ask@lydiardparkacademy.org.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.

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