



Barton Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I am 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 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.

Please contact the school through the office via telephone or through the office email:

office@bartonpri.iow.sch.uk

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 shall re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this will be by email, our Facebook page, text and on our website.

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.

On our website is a tab: 'Home Learning' with a link to daily tasks for each class to follow. It will be updated daily, as our teachers design tasks you can do at home. Each child will be sent home with an exercise book today (we will deliver to those that are absent from school today). Please use this to complete the tasks.

We urge you to do this work with your child daily.

If you wish to contact your teacher or the school please email the school -

office@bartonpri.iow.sch.uk

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide these, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

All planned school events have been postponed. Activities such as:

- School trips
- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- Mardi Gras
- SATs





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This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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 the school office 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.

Mark Snow
Headteacher

