



# St. Nicholas C of E Primary School

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## Coronavirus: required closure

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Dear Parents/carers,

### 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.**

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. We will soon be sending out a questionnaire via Parentapp / text - please respond today.

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 Parentapp / text / Class Dojo / 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.

We will be sending out work packs to some children but all our home learning will be done via Class Dojo. **It is imperative that all parents sign up to the app today. If you are not on Class Dojo, please see your emails / texts as we will be sending you the details today.**

**Further information will then be sent to you via the app / Class Dojo.**

Teachers will be able to communicate / set work / mark work on Class Dojo from this evening. We will be sending home individual student logins - please ensure you get one tonight from your class teacher. If you are not in school, it will be forwarded to the parent already connected on Class Dojo.

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.

## What we won't be able to go ahead with

- School trips
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with this 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 is 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 email: [admin@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk)

Telephone: 01253 966150

During this uncertain time, our school will remain a hub of support for the community we serve. If you need ANY support about the current situation, if you are in financial difficulties or need additional food / provisions – the school can help!

**Please** contact the school if you need anything and we will endeavor to help and support our families on [support@st-nicholas.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:support@st-nicholas.blackpool.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.

Miss C Taylor  
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