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Coronavirus Update

Dear Parents,

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. Please telephone the school office or email admin@bartonclough.trafford.sch.uk. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

Please note that if one parent is a key worker, the government will expect the other parent to have their child at home.

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 message, twitter and Facebook.

Free School Meals

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'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.

ClassDojo

Yesterday we have started to contact you about setting up an online classroom for all children using an app called ClassDojo. Please register on this as soon as possible as this will be the daily contact for your child with their teacher. Teachers will be posting work each day on ClassDojo to support their continued learning at home.

School Website

The school website will be regularly updated with information including websites that children can access to further support their learning.

Resource Packs

Teachers have created class resource packs for an initial two weeks of learning. These will be available from the school office from today. It will be expected that for those children who already absent from school, that arrangements are made for these to be picked up from school.

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 the school office or the email address as above

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Goodfellow



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