

## **Christchurch Infant School**

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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 to be announced shortly) 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 office via our email <a href="mailto:office@christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk">office@christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk</a>. 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 via our website and parentmail.

## 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. A parent mail message will be sent home today, specific to your child's year group regarding learning expectations.

Should the closure continue for a longer period of time we will continue to update parents with links for learning.

If your child usually receives pupil premium or post LAC funding which provides assistance throughout the school year including lunches we will be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide support from a scheme that the government has yet to announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this everchanging situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch, please don't hesitate to contact us via the school email office@christchurchinf.dorset.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.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Baxter Headteacher



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