



20th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to confirm that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after today until further notice. This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts us all, but we believe that the closure of schools is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone and prevent further spread of the virus.

Thank you for getting in touch to let us know if you feel that you fit the key worker criteria. We have been in touch with all parents who contacted us to let you know if your child has a place on Monday. 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 updating our website and sending you a text message to your registered number.

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 have given each child a home learning pack and we will update these regularly after Easter. In order to save postage, we will let you know how you can collect new packs on a regular basis via our website and Facebook. We will also aim to keep in touch with children via our website so come back and check your class page regularly. We have high hopes of mastering technology to create video messages in the near future.

Children entitled to Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)

Please note that all EYFS, Y1 and Y2 children receive a free school meal. This is different to Pupil premium which is based on household income.

If your child usually receives free school meals catering provisions have now been confirmed. All children attending childcare will need to bring a packed lunch on the first day. However, children entitled to FSM will only be expected to do this on the first day (Monday). Each Monday, the food boxes will be delivered to each school which will provide FSM children's families with the resources for them to produce 5 lunches for their child/children per week.

We will also be providing support to those children currently staying at home because they and/or wider family members, are displaying coronavirus related symptoms (self-isolating). Chartwells will provide and distribute food boxes with 5 lunches per child, which will be sent to Illogan School for parental collection each Monday starting 30th March. Please ring before coming to collect to check they have been delivered.

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 our school phone.

You can contact a member of staff through these new emails addresses which will be routinely monitored by me and teachers. Please remember that all staff will be busy still working at school and will not have their Easter break. These email addresses will be in use just for the period of school closure.

EYFS & KS1 (Pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2)

Email: eyfsks1@illoganschool.co.uk

KS2 (Pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)

Email: ks2@illoganschool.co.uk

Please remember our school's commitment to the safeguarding of all members of the community. If you see something that concerns you, you have a moral duty to report it.

MARU (Multi Agency Referral Unit) 0300 123 1116 and out of hours service 01208 251300

Childline: 0800 1111

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use **NHS 111 or online.**

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can. I am really going to miss you all here at Illogan School. I hope you and your families stay fit and well and I look forward to seeing you soon. This situation is a first in my long teaching career and I hope it will be the last too.

My very best wishes,

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