



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I am writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close Hendal Primary school to almost all children after Friday 20th of March 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. A full list of key worker jobs is due to be announced by the government this afternoon. However if you think your child may need to attend school during this period please contact the school as soon as possible on 01924 259465 so that we can plan ahead for next week.

If you are a key worker, we ask that you consider the care that you are able to provide at home without having to call on a potentially vulnerable wider support network. We also ask that you look at your working patterns to see when you **essentially** need school provision.

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, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. Our response to this situation will be to re-open school fully as soon as the government allows. We will let you know when this is by posting on our website www.hendalprimary.org.uk, via parentmail and twitter.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience and support 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 will continue to keep in touch with you regarding any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch with any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to do so by calling the school office on 01924 259465. Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher