

19th March 2020,

Dear Parent/Carer,

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, supermarket delivery drivers, teachers or others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish the full list of key workers and will share this with you when we receive it. We would be grateful in the meantime if you could let us know if you work in a key occupation. Please telephone the school or email the office as soon as possible:

school@chantry.e-sussex.sch.uk

We'll be in touch with these families as soon as we have put arrangements in place for the next few weeks.

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 Parentmail and our Facebook group.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn while they are at home by:

- Providing a resource pack for every child
- Providing links to online learning on our website

The learning packs are for the next two weeks and we will provide more learning resources if the school closure continues beyond the Easter holidays. It is really important that we minimize the impact of the closure on children's learning. Please support us by ensuring your child is continuing with their learning daily – particularly in English and maths during this time. There are lots of resources in the packs and online to support you with this. Reading and times tables/number bonds are also great skills to work on during this period of home learning.

Although national assessments in year 1, 2, 4 and 6 will not be taking place this year. We will still be required to make our own assessments of every child's attainment and progress. Therefore it is important that children continue to work hard out of school to ensure they are ready for the next stage in their learning at Chantry or at their secondary school.

Teachers are still working and will provide support for you during this time. If you have any questions about your child's learning please contact them using your child's class email address e.g. year1@chantry.e-sussex.sch.uk



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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.

We appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with the 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 further updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so.

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,

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