



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus Update – School Closure to Most Pupils

Following on from my last update, I am 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, delivery drivers) 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 and you need childcare support.

Please communicate this information by emailing the office initially at office@upperbeeding.w-sussex.sch.uk. If you are unable to send us an email, please telephone us on 01903 812288 to let us have this information and leave a message if necessary.

The information we need is:

- Key Worker Role
- Name of Child
- Class/Year Group
- Age

We will 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by email, text and the website.

What we will continue doing whilst your child is at home:-

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will be continuing to help your child to learn. Home learning materials, suggestions and resources can be found on your child's class VLE home page from Monday 23rd March.

We hope that children will access the learning materials regularly throughout the working week and complete tasks suggested over a period of time.



Children can send work to their class teacher electronically if possible.

If you need to contact your class teacher, please send them a message on the VLE or email the Office. They will respond as soon as they can.

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 won't be able to go ahead with:-

School trips including residential
Events
Internal exams or tests

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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 is far from ideal, but we will 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 Office. 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.

Best wishes

Becky Linford
Headteacher

