

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, as from yesterday evening, the government has instructed all schools to close, as from the end of school on Friday 20th March, 2020, to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As such, CtS will be closed from 3.15pm on Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of March 18th, it has been proposed that all schools nationally will set up a "skeleton" service in order to support the families of "key workers" who are employed in critical service delivery areas. Further advice with regards to who "key workers" are, is expected to be announced shortly. This "skeleton service" will also include provision for children with particular needs. Over the next two days, we will be carefully considering how we will carry out this proposed strategy, and we will make further announcements as soon as possible, once further guidance is given.

It is vitally important that our school remains in contact with our community in an ongoing way as much as possible. At CtS, we will do this in the following ways:

We will continue to update you via teachers to parents as and when the situation changes. Today, each child will be sent home with a library book, an exercise book and a pencil. Children who are not at school are welcome to call at the office after school to collect this. At the moment, we do not know how things will develop, but we envisage sending work home via the school web site. We will give more details about this tomorrow.

I appreciate that the sudden closure will cause a lot of inconvenience and concern, but it is important that we follow government guidance. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding and reassure you that the school will remain in contact during the period of closure. I will update you further as soon as possible.

I would like to end this letter by stating how proud we all are of our wonderful children, parents and carers. We really look forward to the next time that we can be together as a whole school family.

Further Coronavirus information

For further information on coronavirus symptoms, how to prevent the spread and what to do if you suspect you or a family member may have the virus, please follow advice at www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

Yours sincerely,

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