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Dear Parents and Carers,

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Following on from my last update on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school 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) and children with specified individual needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but in the meantime, could you let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. Please contact the school office as soon as possible and give the specific details, which the office staff will ask for. We'll be in touch again with key worker parents, once we have collated numbers, in order to inform you of what the provision for your child will look like.

**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 keep you abreast of any updates regularly, through the Facebook page/ Website and text message service.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn whilst they are at home. The following plans are in place and will be updated as the situation progresses.

- A resource pack has been produced for children in each year group and these will be sent home with children on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. If your child is not currently at school, a pack of work can be collected from the small hall from 3.00-3.25pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. These packs will be replenished if the school is continued to be closed after the Easter holiday.
- Online learning activities have been placed on the school website and are organised under relevant year groups. As more resources are shared with school, these will be updated on the website.
- We understand the importance of reading at Smith's Wood Primary and so we are currently looking for provision of how you can regularly change their reading book up until the Easter holidays. I will update with details, over the next few days.

This is as much as we know right now and I appreciate your continued patience, as we deal with this ever-changing situation. I understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and is not ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

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.

Kind regards,

*D.M. Givens*

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