



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from our previous update, we are 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, others in frontline services), children with certain needs as well as for families for whom this situation presents particular hardship.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means. You may have already been contacted by one of the office staff, if you feel you are in this category and have not yet been contacted then please call us or email the school office to let us know.

**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. We will let you know via email, our website and social media.

### **What we will continue doing while your child is at home**

Your child's learning is of paramount importance to us; we will continue to help your child to learn in the following ways:

- Work will be set daily with supporting resources, including at times, video/presentations
- All work will be set through the app Class Dojo, please refer to the instructions already sent
- Teachers will endeavor to set a range of achievable, interesting tasks
- Where possible, teachers will check pupils' work and provide individual or whole group feedback.

Our expectations are that the following takes place in order to ensure that your child continues to make progress:

- Check Class Dojo every day for the work (both yourself and your child)
- Pupils complete all tasks set to the best of their ability
- Support your child to complete their tasks set
- Contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo **straight away** if you are experiencing any technical issues – we will try to resolve them as quickly as possible

If your child is eligible for free school meals (FSM category) we will be in touch with more information about how this will be provided.

**Unfortunately, we will not be able to go ahead with the following:**

- School trips
- After-school clubs
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

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 you updated as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via [Enquiries.NPSW@nishkamschools.org](mailto:Enquiries.NPSW@nishkamschools.org)

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

**Mr H S Dhanjal**  
**Headteacher**