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Dear parents/carers,

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 tomorrow Friday 20/03/20 until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the following:

- Children and Young People with an Education and health and care plan
- Children with an allocated social worker or early help worker
- Children whose parents are key workers (awaiting government guidance)

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.

Please phone school on 01744 678000 giving your child's name and class

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 text or on the school website

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn.

Tomorrow your child will receive a home learning pack.



You can find work set for pupils on our school website:

<http://staustins.schoolspider.co.uk/>

Work is available under the **class** pages which can be accessed from headings on the main page.

In the event that you need to contact the school, then please use the office no. 01744 678000 or send an e mail.

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 – cheque refunds for the Barmouth trip will be issued this week by post
- 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's far from ideal, but we'll 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 phone 01744 678000

Or the school e-mail: staustinrc@sthelens.org.uk

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,



Mrs Patsy Wade

Head Teacher

