



# Henry Chadwick Community Primary School

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

Dear Parents,

Due to the recent announcement from the Secretary of State for Education, endorsed by the Prime Minister, that all schools in England must close in our nation's efforts to contain the spread of Coronavirus, we are writing to officially notify you of the closure of Henry Chadwick Primary School.

This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts on us all. This letter is to advise you a little further on this matter, and to explain our next steps. We know that you understand that we are receiving information no sooner than you are at home, and that as the guidance and expectations of us change, so our approach will have to change. In short, bear with us! The Prime Minister has advised that children should not be left with older grandparents or older relatives who may be particularly vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

Limited continued provision for identified pupils in school: Vulnerable children and children of key workers will continue to be able to come into school as normal. Examples of these key workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans (EHCPs).

This is a list we received from another source. It may be accurate, but is only indicative here, **we still await the definitive list from the Government in due course. Please use the gov.uk list which we will send out when received.**

Armed Forces Personnel

Firefighters and other related staff in the Fire and Rescue Services

Local Authority staff (some qualify such as Environmental Health Officers etc.)

NHS workers involved in clinical work such as doctors, nurses, paramedics, ambulance drivers

Police officers, including Community Support Officers and some civilian staff

Prison Service Staff and Probation Service Staff

Social Workers, Educational Psychologists and Therapists employed by Local Authorities or NHS

Teachers and Nursery Nurses

Delivery drivers working for a food provider or health care services

Carers working in the local community

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We need to identify which children will still be in school from Monday in order to plan effective staffing and planning for the education of this group of children. Children in school will be expected to undertake the activities provided for those who will be learning from home, but accommodated and supported by my colleagues in school and other planned activities by school staff in order to manage groups of children of varying ages and needs.

You will appreciate that catering arrangements are still to be confirmed. Choices will inevitably be limited, and children are welcome to bring packed lunches with them. Please be advised that provision will be made for children eligible for free school meals.

They may wear non-school uniform, but if it is easier for you to send them in uniform that is also fine or a combination, school trousers/skirt and shirt with a home jumper for example.

If a child still attending school develops symptoms of the virus, or members of their household do, you must let us know immediately and they must self-isolate away from school for fourteen days as required.

**We would appreciate your cooperation to ensure applications are only received from families who do not have any other option in the form of childcare and where the parent/both parents are employed in key worker roles.**

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

If your child has an EHCP or a social worker, we are not assuming that it is your decision to send them to school so please let us know whether they will be attending or not.

**If you have not already done so could you please email [office@henrychadwick.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@henrychadwick.staffs.sch.uk) if this is a service you think you are eligible for, and would require, please respond stating your child/ren's name/reason for attendance: key worker and the role held (by both parents in a 2 parent family). EHCP/Social worker.**

This provision may change in the forthcoming days and weeks as the situation changes. Such changes may include different staffing and even potentially a different, but nearby, school. Again, please bear with us.

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**Provision for our pupils not in school: see the letter sent home on Friday.**

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.

Kind regards

Vicki Barnes  
Headteacher

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