



## SAINT PETER'S METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs Kristina Dyer

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I am 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) and children with certain needs.

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 could you email [headteacher@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk) using the form attached or bring in a hard copy to the office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

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 email, Facebook, Twitter and our website.

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

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

We are currently planning to set work for pupils during closure via the website class pages. Here you will find a list of links and suggestions from your class teacher. This will be available from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. If you think you will struggle to access this resource please could you let us know so that we can prepare a paper alternative for your child.



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Please be aware that we have a limited amount of paper as it is the end of the financial year.

### Safeguarding and other urgent concerns

There may be a need for parents/carers, pupils or staff members to urgently contact senior staff about safeguarding issues or other pressing matters during the period of school closure. Very shortly we will publish on our website and email out to you details of how you can make such contact by telephone or email. We are finalising arrangements and expect to be able to publish these by close of business on Friday.

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.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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 is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via [headteacher@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-peters-canterbury.kent.sch.uk) or by phoning 01227 464392.

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

Kristina Dyer

Head Teacher



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<b>Request for child to continue to attend St.Peter's Methodist Primary School</b>	
Name of child:	Year group:
Name of parent/carer:	Contact details (email ideally):
Reason for request (delete as appropriate): my child has an EHCP / I am a key worker/my child has a social worker	
If because you are a key worker, occupation and employer:	
Are you a lone parent?: Y/N Are both parents key workers? Y/N	
My child will attend: every day / some days / occasionally  (If some days or occasionally, if possible, please indicate dates of likely attendance for the next two weeks.)	
My child is eligible for Free School Meals: Yes / No	
If eligible for Free School Meals, I would like you to provide a packed lunch: Yes / No	