



BOLHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

19th March 2020

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 after this Friday at 5.00pm 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. ie those who are supported by external agencies such as social workers or whom have an EHCP. This does not however include those supported through service such as Speech and Language and physiotherapy.

We are currently 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 and if you will be sending them into school on Monday. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to. Please email admin@iverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk

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 let you know when this is by sending you a text message and posting the information on our website.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern during this period of closure, please would you contact the school office who will direct your concern to our Designated Safeguarding Leads and they will respond accordingly. Alternatively, you can contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and the details are on the school's website.

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's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Kind regards

Denise Woodgate