

## Dane Bank Primary School

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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 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. This can be done by calling the school office or contacting me on [a.c.d.todhunter@danebank.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:a.c.d.todhunter@danebank.tameside.sch.uk) – please give your child's name, class and the category of Keyworker you fall into. We'll 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 can we ask that these children do not enter school premises.**

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 via our messaging service. Again, please make sure the school office have up to date contact details for you.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help you and your child with this as much as possible. The home learning packs should have been brought home tonight and should provide enough resources to get started. If your child has not brought one home, contact the school office as soon as possible. Please refer to the school website for further information – this will be updated regularly.

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 – we will advise you further as to how we stand with trip cancellations.
- Breakfast or after-school clubs run by school [Please speak to Kids' Club separately]
- Events in the school calendar
- Internal exams or tests – these have been cancelled by the government

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 have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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

Alicia Todhunter

Headteacher

