



Headteacher: Mr David Graham

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PA Office

19th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most students

We are writing to you again with our next update on our response to the spread of coronavirus. **We have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children from the end of the school day on 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 other children with specific needs (i.e. those with Education, Health & Care Plans) and those supported by a social worker, during the normal school term and during the Easter holidays for children of our key worker parents.

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, by 1pm tomorrow (Friday) as the parent or carer of a child in our school and working in one of the following professions, **whether you would like your child to continue to attend school during the normal school term and during the Easter holidays;**

- Clinical NHS staff
- Teachers and nursery nurses in schools and further education/sixth form colleges
- Police officers, Community Support Officers and civilian Police staff
- Prison Service staff
- Probation Service staff
- Social workers, nursery nurses, educational psychologists, and therapists (e.g. occupational therapists) employed by local authorities, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service or the NHS
- Local Authority Planners
- Firefighters and other Fire Service uniformed staff
- Ministry of Defence staff
- Food Supermarket delivery drivers

If you undertake one of the above key worker roles and supervision is required, then please complete a short form via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBSMqb72hiKq6sSqJcYhwZyn_Q_vsaLyzy5almHINiQPkicQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have indicated that your child will be attending school, they should be in full school uniform with a packed lunch, as we have no food to purchase on site. Children in receipt of a free school meal, will be provided with food. Unfortunately we are not able to provide breakfast or after school club during this time. For the few children we have on site, they will be supervised while they complete the work set through our on line portal, Show My Homework in the same way they would be doing at home.

e-mail: admin@putteridgehigh.org

Website: <http://www.putteridgehigh.org>



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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 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 email.

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. Everyone has access to Showmyhomework and class teachers will set your child specific work in line with the planned curriculum and set tasks that are in line with your child's timetable via our homework platform Showmyhomework (<https://www.satchelone.com/login>). In addition, you can find details of our curriculum for all year groups in all subjects as well as websites and links to further learning on our website under the 'home learning' tab <https://putteridgehigh.org/home-learning>

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 as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. As usual for further updates do check our social media and websites regularly.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via email: admin@putteridgehigh.org.

Please remember that 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, we will be in touch with more information in due course.

Yours faithfully



Mr David Graham
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