

Dear Parent/Carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement that schools will close on Friday at the end of the school day for the foreseeable future, we are hoping to receive further clarification regarding the implications for Monkshouse tomorrow.

According to today's announcement there are two exceptions to the closure: Children of key workers – a full list of these has not yet been supplied by the Government, but we hope for rapid information regarding this. Once this has been provided we will then need to know promptly if these parents need their children to be in school so we can make appropriate provision.

Vulnerable children e.g. those with social workers, Free School Meals and Educational Health Care Plans (EHCPs). We will contact these parents over the next two days to determine their needs.

We will keep you updated once we have received further advice from the Local Authority. Thank you all for your support during this difficult time.

We understand that many of you will have questions about what is to come and, rest assured, we will pass all information on to you as soon as we have it via parent mail and the website. As you can imagine the staff at school will be working very hard to ensure that the next two days pass as smoothly as possible. To assist with this it would be really helpful if you could try to avoid phoning the school unless it is to report an absence.

We would like to enjoy the remaining time we have together, so on Friday, which will be the last day of normal school, we will be allowing the children to come to school in colourful, cheerful clothing.

We will be in touch as soon as possible with further information.

Yours sincerely

Sue Goodsell

Mrs S Goodsell
Headteacher