



The Heights School  
Burleigh Street  
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19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Coronavirus update – School closure to most pupils**

Following advice yesterday from the UK government, I am writing to inform you that from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, school will be closed to **almost all children** until further notice.

However, school will **remain open for the following students**, should parents/carers require their child to attend:

- Children of emergency service worker's children, including health staff, delivery drivers, all first responders and social workers.
- Our most vulnerable learners including students with EHCPs and those with a social worker.

**Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care.**

**IMPORTANT – ACTION REQUIRED:**

If you think your child may fall into one of these categories and you are intending to send your child into school on Monday, please send an email to [enquiries@theheightsburnley.com](mailto:enquiries@theheightsburnley.com) with the following information.

**Email Title:** Attending school next week

**Details required:** Name. Days they will be attending school i.e. Monday to Friday or only certain days during the week.

As a school, we will continue to ensure families have contact with us at least once per week via our school text and phone call systems.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

The government has also announced that to support children eligible for free school meals, schools will be able to purchase meals or vouchers for supermarkets or local shops. More details on this are to follow.

**Guidance: The continuation of learning**

Over the past few weeks, staff have been working hard to ensure learning can continue in the event of a school closure.

The expectation for us at school is that although the building is closed, both staff and students are still continuing to work. Work packs will be delivered over the coming days.



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### On-line Learning

There is now a link on our school website <http://www.theheightsburnley.com/for-children/> to the on-line learning platform in order for the students to continue their studies.

### Safeguarding

- If you feel that you require additional support or have any safeguarding concerns about any children these can be reported to the local safeguarding team on: 0300 123 6700

### General guidance re: Covid-19

- Anyone with a fever or persistent cough should stay at home for seven days if they live alone or 14 days if they live with others. Anyone who lives with someone displaying coronavirus symptoms should also stay at home for 14 days. **People who have to isolate themselves** should ask others for help.
- Everyone should stop non-essential contact and travel, working at home were possible. This is particularly important for people over 70, those with underlying health conditions and pregnant women.
- By the weekend, those with the most serious health conditions should be largely shielded from social contact for 12 weeks
- If you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Please continue to visit the school website and follow us on twitter for regular updates.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well, advise you to strictly follow government guidance and stay safe and healthy.

I look forward to welcoming students back into school at the earliest opportunity.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Susannah Berry'.

Susannah Berry  
Headteacher