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**THE BLUE COAT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (AIDED)
INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS' FEDERATION**

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19th March, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I am 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. This provision will have an entirely different function to a school setting as indicated by the Minister for Education today who said, 'It's not going to be an educational setting, teaching the national curriculum, but it's going to be a safe place for people who are key to combating this virus and keeping the country moving forward.'

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. There is a form available at either school office for you to use to notify us – it is also available to print from our website. You will need to attach proof of employment to the application. We will 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 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and we will let you know when this is by texting you, through the Twitter feed (news@bluecoat_fed) and on our website (www.bluecoatfederation.co.uk).

What we will continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. We have already sent out details of different online materials that your child can access whilst we are closed. In particular, your child has their login details for Purple Mash. Our teachers will be monitoring your child's use of this website and setting and updating tasks through it for your child to do. If your child is having issues accessing the online resources please email your child's teaching team for help and support. Email addresses have been set up for you to do this.

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If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide these, 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 with us 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 is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so by email via postbox@bluecoalfederation.co.uk or on the telephone.

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,

Mr. A. Orlik
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