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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 20th March 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. It is likely we will provide this cover at St Mary’s, our partner school. We would collect children for Madron each day and bring back at 3pm.

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. Please can you let your child’s class teacher know, phone the school on 01736 364845 or email the school on [head@st-madderns-cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-madderns-cornwall.sch.uk).

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 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 by information on our website, school facebook page and text.].

**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.

Today your child has brought home:

* A Guided reading book - work will be set using this book from Monday 23rd March

Children in class 1:

* Year 1 children printed maths sheets
* Year 2 children a maths text book

Children in year 3-5

* Times table work
* White Rose maths test resource

Children in Year 6

* A SATS workbook

The children all also have exercise books to use to complete work in. We have also added to this a short guided to Looking After Yourself at home.

In addition to this your child has access to the following websites for self-directed learning:

* Phonics play website <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> is currently free for all children

And children have user names and passwords for the following:

* Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots Yr 1- Yr 6
* Borrow box Reception – Year 6 –see separate letter about this
* Reading Theory passwords for class 2

We expect children to complete work each day and class teachers will be posting activities on the Madron Daniel Covid -19 Home Learning facebook page each day when school would usually be open. We are also hoping to have an online learning platform set up next week.

We have included details of how children can contact the school during this difficult time. These are set out below:

**School landline - 01736 363845 or phone St Mary’s on 01736 363009**

**School mobile from Monday 23rd March - 07784 858291**

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. We are expecting this to be food box for all children on FSM.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with 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 want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don’t hesitate to do so via email [head@st-madderns.cornwall.sch](mailto:head@st-madderns.cornwall.sch).uk , your child’s class teacher or phone 01736 364845.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can. We look forward to seeing the children in school tomorrow,

Yours sincerely,

Hilary Tyreman, Head Teacher

Jeff Davis Chair of Governors