



Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

As you know **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 provide provision for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

Even if you do fit into the key worker category, please bear in mind that government advice advocates social distancing in order to minimise the risk of infection. In order to protect pupils, families and staff, I would suggest that if you have a viable alternative to continuing to send your child into school it should be considered as a first resort.

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 have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone.

During any period where the Academy remains closed, the website will be used as our main platform for communication. **With this in mind please could you ensure that the email that the school has for you is correct.** We will provide regular updates and information regarding when school will be opening via email.

In order to ensure that the children are able to utilise their time at home productively, each class will be provided with project sheets and challenges for the children to complete and a list of links to further activities. It is not possible for the Academy to deliver the curriculum as normal; nor would we ask you to teach the curriculum. A project based series of activities should provide the children with lots of things to research, present and discover. **The website class page and Pearltrees.com are where you will find teachers adding lots of new activities and information.**

If you have a place in school next week **(you will have been contacted)** school hours will be the same as normal. Do not send your child unless we have confirmed we can take them please.

- Unfortunately we do not have enough staff to run breakfast club or after school club from Monday.
- Children will need to wear school uniform.
- If you have not ordered hot school meals your child will need to bring a pack up
- They will need to bring a PE bag on Monday for the week
- All children need to be brought to the office at 9.00 on Monday with an adult, where they will be registered. Do not leave them to come in on their own please.

We have created an online system to be able to upload work for your children to complete over the school closure period. It is free and no login required – just type the link below into your browser. If it comes up with an advert to try it for free, please click the cross and the page is hiding behind! Please check back on it regularly as this will be updated at least twice a week. Please also check class pages on the school website.

<https://www.pearltrees.com/cherrywillinghamacademy>

Thank you for your ongoing support through this challenging time.

Kind regards
Mrs K Evans