

## School Closure Information

Dear Parents,

### **RE: Coronavirus guidance update – School Closure from Friday 20th March**

We are writing to provide an update following the Government's announcement yesterday that all schools in England will close on Friday 20th March and not reopen for the foreseeable future, for all children except those of emergency workers and/or vulnerable pupils.

The Government have not yet provided a full list of what they define to be 'emergency workers' but according to this evening's broadcast NHS staff, the police and essential delivery drivers are included. Please check Government websites for a full list once it is published.

We are currently exploring a range of options in order to provide child-care in our school for the children who are included in the above group, if it is required. We need to know how many children this will apply to, so need you to contact us – phone 01743 245400 or email [office@prestfelde.co.uk](mailto:office@prestfelde.co.uk) (**by today Thursday 19th March by 1600 at the latest**) if you would like a place for your child from Monday 23rd March. This is essential in order for us to be able to plan appropriate and safe provision for your children.

If you fall into one of the above categories but are able to source your own child-care arrangements you do not need to contact us or take up one of these emergency places. As per our previous letters, Prestfelde School will be providing a virtual school environment to support children's learning and wellbeing from home.

We will ensure the following distance learning provision is in place by Mon 23rd March next week:

- Parents and pupils are all prepared and informed of the provision that is being made available using our usual parental communication methods and the school website
  - Links to specific curriculum learning activities and tasks will be made available via the school specific ICT software/platforms Firefly and Microsoft 365
  - All school staff are all set up for their virtual Prestfelde next week

School will close on Friday 20th March at 1600 please ensure you have collected all your child's belongings – musical instruments, sports kit, etc so that the school can be deep cleaned.

Rest assured we will have your child's wellbeing and welfare at the heart of all our plans. The children are already enjoying communicating with each other via TEAMS. We know how important friendships are and we hope to support them in the following weeks by being part of something very special online. Staff are looking at innovative and inspiring ways to support our community at this time and will be in constant communication with the children.

We will continue to provide you with regular government updates, as this situation evolves.

Thank you for your support in helping us slow down the spread of the coronavirus, and your patience as we work together to manage this challenging situation over the coming months.

Kind regards

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