

20th March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have seen the message from the Prime Minister on Wednesday that schools in the country will close to most families. We know that many of you are asking for information on what that means for your children and how they will receive their education. We are now in a position to give some clarity as to how we will move forwards.

Government guidance is for all children to be kept away from schools and early years settings unless the parent/child meets certain criteria. The criteria your child meets is that they have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP).

Everyone has a role to play in stopping the spread of the Coronavirus. The Government has stressed that schools have a key role to play, having kept them open as normal for as long as was practicably possible.

From Monday 23rd March 2020, Exhall Grange will remain open but will not be delivering your child's normal timetable. We will be operating only with the numbers of staff required to ensure that the school remains safe and functional. Free school meals will be provided to all eligible pupils and information about how to access this will follow.

Your child's attendance record will not be affected if they are unable to attend or you choose not to send them to school. Please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know if your child will be attending, unless you have already done so.

As time passes and the situation evolves, Warwickshire will be scaling down the number of schools open and the transport network. As this begins to take place, we will be communicating with you, which schools will remain open as the number of settings reduces. As time goes on it will be likely that many children who are eligible to attend will be at a different location than their usual school. Staff who will initially be present in schools will be scaled back to working remotely.

For all parents/carers, we would also ask that you ensure that you and your household follow government guidance on hygiene as stringently as possible.

We understand how this will affect the children and you, as families, and while we empathise, we have to be firm in the application of government guidelines if we are to keep your children safe and help stop the spread of Coronavirus. Your essential co-operation is appreciated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school will be closed to all children and young people on Wednesday 25th March as per the school calendar.

We thank you for your continued support during this difficult time and we wish you and your family well.

Yours sincerely

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Head teacher