



Dear Parent and Carer,

Following on from our letter this morning we have some updated information for you.

School will close for most pupils on Friday 20th March. Government advice has now stated that children who have the following conditions should NOT be in school:

- chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary; disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis;
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure;
- chronic kidney disease;
- chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis;
- chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), a learning disability or cerebral palsy;
- diabetes;
- problems with your spleen – for example, sickle cell disease or if you have had your spleen removed;
- a weakened immune system, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy;
- being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above) 99th centile for children.

At the moment, the Government are requesting that schools close to all students but remain open to those whose parents are classed as key workers and to those students who are considered 'vulnerable' only if they **do not** have any of the conditions listed above.

We currently have no definitive list from Government as to who is classed as a key worker but we will update you with this as soon as possible. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you have contacted the school via email info@redhall.dudley.sch.uk or 01384 813850 to let us know if you feel you fall into the category of a key worker. We will be making contact with those parents tomorrow to confirm if their children are able to attend.

If as a parent you are identified as a Key worker or your child is considered vulnerable, your child can attend school from Monday 23rd March. We have made some adjustments. ALL pupils will be based on the **infant site** and will need to arrive at school for 08:50am. Pupils will need to enter and be collected from school through the **key stage one playground entrance**.

In terms of those pupils who are working from home we will continue to upload work to the website. There are also a number of websites you can access for free with different educational resources for children.

The Government have announced a voucher system for Pupil Premium pupils but as yet we have been given no more information. As soon as we know any more details we will let you know. If your child is Pupil Premium and you are experiencing any additional hardship as a direct result of



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this crisis, please contact us in order to discuss any ways we may be able to help. We are already looking into innovative ways to support you through this process.

At the moment it feels like this situation doesn't have any clear timescale as to when it will be resolved. Like people all across the world, all we can realistically do is take things one day at a time and try our best to prepare and carefully consider each next step as it arises. If we continue to work in partnership for the benefit of the pupils of Red Hall, we can tackle whatever obstacles we face, together.

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