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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I am now writing to let you know that **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 stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. (Both parents must be key workers or single parents who are key workers). **Please be aware though that the school may not be operating and the children may have to attend another school.**

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 contact the office on 01454866920 before 1pm on Thursday giving your child's name and class.** We will 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text message, Facebook and the school website.

What we will continue to do while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn.

- Every child will come home with a learning pack for the next 2 weeks
- This will include worksheets and useful website links.
- Every school has been told to do this and we would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete the work
- We have provided the children with an exercise book to ensure the work they produce is of a high standard (similar to the standard we expect in school)

- If the closure continues after the Easter Holidays, we will provide further work for your child via email (please make sure the office have an email address for you) also via the school website.
- The letter that comes home with the learning pack will have the class teacher's email address so you can contact them if you need to ask questions about the work.

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.

What we will not be able to go ahead with

- As previously mentioned, there will be no Parent's Evening
- School Clubs will also not take place
- There will be no Breakfast Club or After School Club
- Year 6 SATs will now not go ahead as planned. More information about how the children will be assessed ahead of Year 7 will follow once the government have decided.

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 is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so via the school office or the school email address, office@conistonprimary.org.uk

Remember: if you or your child feels ill with the two main symptoms (high temperature and new continuous cough) and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

It is important that you and your family follow government guidelines in regards to social-distancing to ensure that school closures are as effective as initially planned. Please see the following link for further information on this - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Many thanks

Alan Walters

Headteacher

