



Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Thank you for your continued support during this incredibly challenging time. Following on from our last update, we are now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after Friday 20.03.2020 until further notice.**

As advised by the government, schools within the Trust will do all that 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. Please remember government guidance is that 'every child who can be safely cared for at home, should be, in order to limit the chance of the virus spreading'.

It would help us if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into this category and you have not already been contacted by school.

**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'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is as soon as we are notified, through our website and by text message.

**What we'll continue doing while your daughter is at home:**

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

- Students have been set work by their teachers and should have this with them at home.
- Parents and students can access links to subject guidance, resources and on-line platforms via our website.
- Teachers will be monitoring work through Google Classroom and email.
- Parents can contact teachers and pastoral managers by email, phone numbers for pastoral staff are available on the school website and students have all their teachers' email addresses.
- If your daughter 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. Please check regularly on our website for updates.
- We are also working with our school catering company to offer those with free school meals a weekly food hamper; more details about this will follow shortly if this is possible.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience 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's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

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If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via [office@batleygirls.co.uk](mailto:office@batleygirls.co.uk)

If you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

For the latest advice please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

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

Yours sincerely

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