

Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

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 this Friday until further notice**. Independent schools have been asked to follow this instruction in the same way as state schools.

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. We have also been asked to stay open for children on EHC plans, and vulnerable children. To this end, we will keep our DSP open going forward.

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 email Mr. Walker at mrwalker@bxs.org.uk if you think you are a key worker, to let us know if you want your children to be in school.

We'll 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'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text, email, our website and our Facebook page.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course of vital importance to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

We are planning a week at a time, so bear with us as we make this work for all ages. We will be communicating details of how this will work by end of school on Friday

Our teachers are committed to your children and are available to contact on school emails and via Google Classroom.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email to:

Primary/ EYFS mrsprothero@bxs.org.uk

Middle School head@bxs.org.uk

Upper School mrprothero@bxs.org.uk

As an Independent school we do not receive government funding except for Special Needs and Early Years. We would therefore ask parents to continue to pay school fees as normal unless this proves impossible due to financial hardship. If this is the case please contact Mr Walker via mrwalker@bxs.org.uk

We realise this may be extremely challenging but it is vital if we are to continue to provide education, pay staff and secure the future of our school. Many thanks for your continued support. We will be in touch with more information as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

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