

Dear Parents / Carers

As you will be aware, Coronavirus is a rapidly changing situation and we have been working with the Department for Education, Public Health England and Knowsley Council to plan for such a pandemic.

As per the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday we have been directed to close schools for most children. We are prepared and ready to respond to this challenge.

We are writing to inform you that school will close on Friday 20th March 2020 at 3:15 p.m. and remain closed until further notice. Parents should check the school website for updates which will be posted weekly. Updates will also be provided via Twitter and our school email system.

Pupils will be provided with work will be sent home with work packs for week 1. Then work will be emailed via Toco Mail AND uploaded into the class webpages on our website. Children will come home with a Toco Mail password. The work will be updated on a weekly basis.

Families of pupils who are currently absent from school may pick up work packs and Toco Mail passwords from SMAAA school between 2 and 3 p.m. Friday 20th March 2020.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open from Monday 23rd March for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with an EHCP or a social worker – we will contact you separately.

However, we encourage you and your children to continue to follow Public Health England advice on keeping yourselves safe. Updated information can be found here :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Pupils who are eligible for free school meals will have their lunches provided for them. Further information about this will be communicated to these families in due course.

Thank you for your patience and kind words and thoughts for the staff at this time.

Yours Sincerely

Miss A . L. Bowman