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Dear Parents / Carers,

Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I am sure that most families are now aware the UK Government has initiated partial closure of schools. I am now writing to inform you we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children after school closure this Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice. After School Club will be available as usual on Friday.

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 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. Kindly complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/y4tiy2fyW9nfx7e68> by **3pm today** to indicate if you believe your family falls within these categories. We are also asking that you indicate if you will require wrap around services i.e. breakfast and after school clubs which will continue to be charged at the current rate. After this time, we will be in contact to give further instructions.

All other children must 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 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 email and text. If you should change either of these over the coming months, please ensure you notify the school office via email to: office@stjeromebilingual.org

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

Your child's learning is important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. In the short term, we will update the school website with suitable resources this week. This will be under the Parent Information Tab; each year group will have its own page. Please also continue to use Mathletics, letterjoin and BBC Bitesize as previously advised.

We are aware the government is looking at a national provision all children. Once we know more information we will share this with families.

If your child usually receives free school meals due to financial eligibility (i.e. **not** Universal Infant Free School Meals given to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) 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

- School trips
- Events
- Phonics testing
- Internal exams or tests
- Church services

This is the information we currently have and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this very fluid situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch via email, social media and updates to our website with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do this via email: office@stjeromebilingual.org and we will respond at the soonest opportunity. If your concerns are of a non-urgent matter such as retrieval of PE Kit or refund of charges these issues will be addressed in the coming weeks.

And remember: if you or your child feels unwell and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

We continue to pray for the health and well-being of our whole community and the world as it tackles this pandemic.

Warm regards,



Revd. Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher