



# Holywell Primary School

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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to confirm the school **remains closed until further notice** following the government's extension of the country's lock down.

**A huge thank you to those parents who have sent in their children's NHS thank you letter.** If you have not already done so please email your letters to your teacher and we will send them on.

## Key Workers

While school remains closed for most pupils, school will remain open for Key Workers' children and some other identified vulnerable pupils. Key Workers who are required to work must inform the office if they need care for their children from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

We are expecting the pupils who have attended school before the Easter break back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. However, all parents considering bringing their child after Easter must complete a form, if they have not already done so. Please email the school office if you require a form.

As we are offering a voucher from next week onwards to pupils who qualify for Free School Meals, we will not be able to provide food. All children attending school from Monday must bring a packed lunch.

If you have previously completed a form we will assume you will continue to bring your child to school.

## Free School Meals moving forward

As I mentioned before we have made arrangements with Tesco and can now offer pupils who are entitled to a Free School Meal a £15 Tesco voucher each week. A separate letter was sent out to the parents involved on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020, this letter gave instruction on how to collect their vouchers from school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. To avoid crowds of people on the school site and meet the social distancing requirements we have staggered the times for parents to coming into school and ask that they please read the letter carefully.

If you are not registered for Free School Meals and believe you might be entitled please check via the Hertfordshire County Council website on the link below. Please be aware that Free School Meals is not that same as Universal Free School Meals that are provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



### **Contacting us**

Even through school is 'closed' staff are still working. Those not in school each day work from home. If you need to contact the school then there are a few options available

Telephone - 01923 225 188 term time from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Email: [admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@holywell.herts.sch.uk)

Parents are reminded that they can contact Mrs Bahirathan by email [bahirathanb@holywell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bahirathanb@holywell.herts.sch.uk) should they need other support and information not related to their child's learning but maybe around issues like welfare, mental health, financial support.



The school also has a twitter account that we use to share information with parents and that can be used more effectively should we get more followers. If you have Twitter then please follow us on @PrimaryHolywell

Enjoy your weekend everyone.

Yours faithfully

Mr van Straaten  
Headteacher