

18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update: Coronavirus/Covid-19

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I am sure that you will have heard the news that all schools in England are to close from the end of the day on Friday this week. This is an unprecedented decision however we understand the concerns linked to the rapid increase in the spread of the virus across the country. All tests including Yr 6 SATs, Yr 4 Multiplication Test, Yr 2 SATs and Yr 1 Phonics screening have been cancelled for this year.

We will be providing all children with home learning packs to take home on Friday, which can be used in addition to our usual on-line resources such as Maths & Spelling Shed. Clearly as we are unsure of the length of closure we will aim to keep in touch via text and use of our website should we wish to offer further learning resources in the coming weeks.

The directive from the Government is to try to provide an optional offer for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Key workers are defined as working in the following professions:

- Fire Service
- Police
- Care Workers
- Delivery Drivers (to supermarkets)

To help us gather information on our parents, please could you complete this on-line questionnaire by clicking or typing this link by this afternoon if possible or as soon as possible:

<https://sghs.fireflycloud.net/questionnaires/school-closure-covid-provision>

Vulnerable children are those with a social worker or with an EHCP. If you fall into these categories and require for your child to be looked after by school, then please contact the school on 01423 884780 or by email to admin@starbeck.n-yorks.sch.uk by tomorrow morning at the latest – this will enable us to plan for our next steps.

Free School Meals

For children who currently receive free school meals, please could you let the school know if you would like support once the school has closed. Our catering provider, Chartwells, can provide a packed lunch if needed which will be made at Harrogate High School. Please let the school know if you would like to receive a packed lunch by contacting us by Friday on the contact details above. The government are currently looking at a national voucher scheme for those entitled to Free School Meals. Once finalised I will inform all relevant families.



Clearly, this is a very worrying time and we fully understand how the government's decision will in many cases result in added pressure for our families and community. There are many unknowns in terms of upcoming events and activities scheduled to take place during the remainder of the summer, however we will aim to keep you as up to date as possible over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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