



Our Ref: GJW/MLD

March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: School closure due to Covid-19**

I am sure you are all aware of the government's decision to close all schools in England from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. To provide parents, pupils and staff with the certainty they need, Healing School will partially open for those children of **key workers** and **vulnerable children**, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus, of which a full list will shortly be published by the Department for Education. Please note that parents/carers of those children deemed to be 'vulnerable' will be contacted separately. A further communication will follow regarding children of key workers, once the school is in receipt of the Department for Education's published list. Children who do not fall into either of these groups **should remain at home with appropriate care**.

Work provision

Healing School staff are working hard to provide work for all pupils during the period of closure, but not including the planned Easter Holiday. Work will be published on the school's website under the Covid-19 tab and will be updated as and when necessary. It is likely that work will be provided in blocks of two-three weeks at this stage.

Free School Meals

The school is still able to provide a Free School Meal for those pupils who are entitled (excluding during the Easter Holiday from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020). A sandwich bag will be available for collection from reception between 11.30am and 12noon on each school day. Should your child be entitled to and require this provision, please contact the school by **9.30am each day to confirm your order**.

Welfare and Safeguarding Support

We naturally still want to be able to offer support in terms of pupil and family welfare and support for safeguarding, therefore during this partial closure period, should you have any concerns please continue to directly contact the school.

The school will continue to adhere to government updates and inform parents as necessary. Thank you again for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented circumstances. As always, the wellbeing and safety of both pupils and staff remains Healing School's highest priority.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Dewland  
Principal