



**Stewart Headlam**  
Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.

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. Please email [admin@stewartheadlam.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stewartheadlam.towerhamlets.sch.uk) with the following information

child/children's name and class.

Your job (You will need to show us evidence of this)

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

All other children will need to 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 – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by sending you a text message.

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

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

Include details of your plan for continuing education remotely, such as:

Uploading work on the Home Learning page of the website. See links below:

<https://www.stewartheadlam.towerhamlets.sch.uk/home-learning> Parents and pupils will be able to contact the school by emailing [admin@stewartheadlam.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stewartheadlam.towerhamlets.sch.uk)



**Or using these mobile numbers BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9AM UNTIL 4PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

1. Carol Brown (School Business Manager)- 07496 521 989
2. Jean O'Keefe (Senior Admin Officer)- 07496 602 291
3. Cathy Gillespie (Headteacher) - 07495 452 156
4. Nilufar Chowdhury (Deputy Headteacher)-07496 602 087

If your child usually receives free school meals 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 won't be able to go ahead with**

- Breakfast or after-school clubs
- School trips
- Events
- Internal exams or tests

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via [admin@stewartheadlam.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stewartheadlam.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

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

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Cathy Gillespie  
Headteacher

