



Vale of Evesham School
A specialist school for cognition and learning - enabling inclusion in the community

ADVANCE TRUST NOTICE OF SCHOOLS' CLOSURE

1 NOTICE

Advance Trust sincerely regrets having to inform you that all our schools will be closing with effect from 20th March for 14 days leading up to the Easter Holiday and then through the holiday.

We have taken this difficult decision considering the small size and intense population of our schools and the risk this then poses to both pupils and staff. We also have staff and students in our schools who have had to self-isolate because they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, and these numbers are, and are likely to continue to change, daily at least for the foreseeable future.

2 WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THIS TIME?

The support plan for your child's school has been shared with you. Staff will be in contact with you frequently from Monday 23rd March 2020 to discuss your child's learning.

While schools are closed senior leaders will be undertaking an exercise in risk assessment for all pupils, assessing their level of need and prioritising those who will return to school on Monday 20th April (subject to Government guidance at that time). We will be considering the following factors:

- Whether we have the right staff in school to meet the needs of the prioritised pupils.
- What underlying health needs each pupil might have.
- Which of our pupils are vulnerable (according to the government criteria).
- The main profession of main carer.
- We will also consider how pupils are taught in the school so that we can help minimise the chance of infection and ensure that both staff and pupils are as safe as possible.

3 HOW WILL WE BE TOLD WHEN SCHOOL RE-OPENS?

All parents and carers will be contacted over the next two weeks to discuss individual return plans.

4 WHAT IF I AM A KEY WORKER?

Meanwhile, please could you inform the member of staff contacting you during the period of closure if you are in a key worker role that is listed below. We can then take this into consideration.

List of key workers as identified by the government:

- Health and social care worker
- Education and childcare
- Key public services – funeral director, role within the judicial system
- Local or national government officer
- Food production or distribution
- Public safety and national security – police and armed forces
- Public transport, or transporting goods
- Utilities – gas electricity worker, and financial services

We apologise for the inconvenience caused by school closure but trust you understand the safety of our pupils and staff must come first. We wish you and your family well in these difficult times.

If your school is closed then please [contact your local authority](#), who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child, or children, can attend.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>