

Information for pupils – school closures due to coronavirus

There is a lot of information in the news about the coronavirus, so to help you understand a bit more about what is going on this News Round article is really helpful:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51204456>

The adults around you may not have all the answers yet, but it is important that you keep asking questions and talking to them if there is anything that you are worried or confused about.

One of the big things to change this week is that you may have heard about schools closing for a long time, at least 12 weeks according to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. This is to help slow down the coronavirus from spreading.

Most children will be expected to carry on their learning at home. Your school may have given you work to do, websites to look at or lessons to watch online.

Some of your friends will still be able to come into school. This is because their parents and carers have jobs that are really important to keeping everybody safe and healthy. We call these people key workers. As well as nurses, doctors and the police, it also includes parents and carers who need to go to work so that we have the food we need. If your parents or carers are teachers or work in a school, they may also need to go into school to teach and look after the other children so they are also key workers.

Schools are still safe places for children and adults to be.

Children who need a bit of extra help or support will also still be able to go into school. The adults in your school might visit some families to check that they are ok or they might telephone their parents.

Whether you are at home or coming into school, the teachers and other staff in your school will be thinking about you and doing all that they can to make sure that you can carry on your learning and stay safe and healthy over the next few weeks.

There is even more information on the News Round [website](#) if want to know more, but make sure that you don't spend all your time reading about the coronavirus. There are lots of things that you can do to keep yourself busy!