

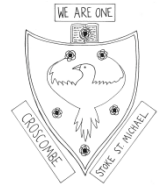
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Acting Head of School -
Mr William Moore



18th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus - School Closure with effect from 3:30pm Friday 20th March

As a result after working through the options available, the Governors in consultation with the staff have made the difficult decision that we will be closing the school at the end of the week on Friday 20th March at 3.30 pm.

Our first priority in these exceptional circumstances is the safeguarding of children and staff. We are following Government guidelines, Somerset County Council advice and our own local circumstances. We have a number of staff who are classed as vulnerable in relation to the above virus and are either self-isolating or about to self-isolate and therefore working from home. In light of these very recent developments, we will no longer be able to provide adequate cover to confidently safe guard the children from the end of this week.

Given the escalation of the current situation, we will continue to monitor the position daily ahead of Friday. Additionally, we can't say at this time how long we will need to close for but we will not be re-opening until after the Easter holidays at the very earliest. Any update to the intended return to school date, will be advised immediately

Please find links below to support you and your children over the forthcoming weeks:

BBC: How to protect your mental health
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51873799>

CBBC: Video and Questions
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861089>

ChildMind: Talking to Children
<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

ELSA: Corona virus Story for Children
<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/coronavirus-story-for-children/>

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National Association of School Psychologists: Parent Resources

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

Young Minds: Feeling Anxious about Coronavirus

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus>

We will be keep you informed of developments via email over the coming weeks and are still as committed as ever to providing learning resources for the children. Thank you all for supporting us in this unprecedented time.

Regards,

Mr W Moore
Acting Head of School (Croscombe)
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Nick Cramp
Head of Governors