



**ST GEORGE'S
C of E SCHOOL**

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Coronavirus: Proposals for Phased Closure in the event of Staff Shortages

This information is subject to change dependant on government announcements.

If directed by Public Health England or the DfE, we will close the school. **Until this happens, our school will remain open.**

However, insufficient staffing levels due to illness, underlying health conditions, childcare issues or self-isolation may also necessitate closure. In this eventuality, we have outlined a phased plan. **We are currently in Stage 2.**

Stage 1: School open as normal

- All pupils attend, if well
- All staff attend, if well

Stage 2: Initial staffing shortages

- Non-essential provision is cancelled
- After-School clubs are cancelled

Stage 3: Further staffing shortage

- Reception, and Years 1-6 will remain open
- Little Dragons and Nursery will be notified to stay at home
- All non-self-isolating staff will attend school

Stage 4: Staffing is considered to be critically low

- School will be open to Key Stage Two children only (Years 3, 4, 5, 6)
- All non-self-isolating staff will attend school

Stage 5: Insufficient staff for safe opening of the school site

- School will be closed to all children

- All non-self-isolating staff will attend school

Stage 6: The school is instructed to close by the Local Authority / Government

- The school will be closed to all children and staff
- Staff will be directed to work at home

Obviously, progression through these stages may accelerate in the case of a positive test for Coronavirus.

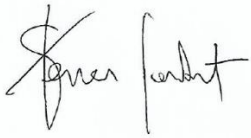
However, we would be advised by Public Health England of the necessary steps to take in this eventuality.

The Chief Medical Officer has said that the impact of closing schools would have a significant impact on children's education, but the benefit to public health would not be substantial.

We continue to act on all updates, and will provide you with new information as and when it is received in school. We would like to assure you that we are working hard to keep children, families and staff as safe as possible, in these very challenging times.

Thank you for your support of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Head Teacher