



Dear Parents/Carers ,

COVID -19 Update

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this difficult time. We have been extremely short staffed across the school this week, safeguarding and covering classes have been our priority. Your children have been fantastic during this unsettling period and we are very proud of them. Behaviour has remained exemplary as usual, with a calm and settled atmosphere.

What is the current situation?

Following on from the last update, we are 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**. We will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers, children with an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan) and children with a social worker. We are awaiting further information from the LA on how this will work. We will share any information on this as soon as we get it, at the minute we do not have an update on who key workers are or if both parents are required to be key workers . We do know that key worker children also include our Nursery parents. We have been collating key worker responses from you via email already but we ask, even if you have already emailed, to complete the attached Key Worker information sheet and return to school tomorrow. It is vital that if there are two key workers in a household, that two forms are completed .

We **do not** know when schools will be open to all children again.

We do know that exams will no longer take place in May /June.

Friday 20th March

It is important that any families still do not send their children if they are showing signs of coronavirus as per government guidance. Tomorrow is an unprecedented day in school history, but we want it to be a happy experience for all of the children. We are inviting them to come in colourful non-uniform and celebrate, what could be, their last day for many weeks. There is no cost to this event.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Rebecca Brunton, Mrs Catherine Thompson (Acting Headteachers)