



Dear Parents and Carers,

Having just heard the latest developments from the government, I am afraid to inform you that school **will be closed to pupils from 3.30pm this Friday, 20th March 2020 until further notice.**

I understand this will cause a lot of our families major disruption but we must comply with government guidelines like all other educational settings.

There will be a number of parents who are 'key workers' providing necessary services, who won't have any alternative childcare arrangements prepared for if they have to continue to work. *(We are awaiting a list from the government for what exactly these are.)* There will also be vulnerable children who need additional support from us at this time.

With this in mind, and according to the Prime Minister's speech yesterday, we are looking at alternative options to support these families for the normal school day hours 8.30am – 3.30pm for the remaining two weeks of this term.

At this point, we need to gauge numbers of those most likely to need support where available. There is no guarantee we can cater for all those who make requests as we may also be dealing with staff self-isolation and reduced staffing due to their own childcare requirements.

We will make decisions based on the needs within our community and further information as we receive it (i.e. job roles etc).

If you feel you are one of the critically in need families, please advise Mrs Bateson by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am

**Only those parents who are 'key workers' as outlined by the government in today's speech, and who need care due to having no alternative options, should make a request.**

We will be open today and Friday and will keep you up to date with further information.

Thank you again for your support through these unprecedented challenges.

Stay safe and look after yourselves and each other.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Bolton-Rigby

Registered Provider