



Richardson Dees Primary School

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Thursday 19th March

Confirmation of School Closure Letter

Dear parents / carers,

You will be aware that the Prime Minister and Education Secretary announced yesterday that tomorrow will be the last full 'normal' day of school. Schools will close indefinitely from Friday 20th March 2020 for **MOST** children. Schools are to remain open for children whose parents are identified as 'key workers'. The government will make an announcement later today to identify precisely which groups of workers this will be. However, we do know that the following groups have been identified:

- NHS workers
- Police
- Teachers
- Critical national infrastructure roles such as delivery drivers

While we wait to hear the exact identification of roles, we would like to take a proactive approach and begin to identify those pupils whose parents are classed as 'key workers' and are likely to need to continue attending school. If you believe you fall into one of these groups please contact school on 0191 263 8139 by Friday lunchtime tomorrow, so we can be prepared for next week.

Mr Myers and Mrs Davison will be working with our vulnerable families and social workers to identify those children who would need to continue accessing school.

We have a list of our pupils who currently have an EHCP and are expecting those children to continue accessing school.

With the deepest regret, only those children that fall into the categories identified by the government will be able to attend school. We ask for your understanding and consideration of this.





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Moving forward, we will update parents via our website at www.richardson-dees.eschools.co.uk/website. We will also ensure our website remains a helpful tool to support online learning.

Our office email will remain active for any queries and we are putting plans in place so that parents and carers should still be able to contact school by phone too.

In addition to all of this, we will be moving to a home learning model and sending out packs of work each week for all of our children not attending school. These will require the support and encouragement of parents and carers who should feel free to contact school if we can be of any help. The packs will come home with your child tomorrow. For those children who are not in school we will deliver them to your houses. When you receive the first pack we will share more information with you all then.

Please be aware that we will be suspending our social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter until we return. If you wish to contact teachers direct you can contact them on our Dojo app – we will be resending Dojo details out to all parents tomorrow.

We are working with the local authority to support children eligible for free school meals, and we will inform you how this will be organised by Friday.

We await further government guidance on the proposal to suspend public examinations for this academic year.

This is understandably going to cause many anxieties for families, and we hope that we will be able to continue to support you wherever possible. We will continue to keep you informed with any new information as we receive it, in what are incredibly difficult and uncertain times.

Signed,

Mr W Myers
Headteacher

