

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

School closure due to coronavirus

As you already know we have been instructed to **close the school** with effect from the end of the school day tomorrow (Friday 20th March) this is as a precautionary measure to help curb the spread of Coronavirus. I know that this closure will cause families a lot of inconvenience but the safety of our children and staff is paramount.

As I shared yesterday, under Government plans, children whose parents are classed as key workers will still be able to attend school for childcare provision, but please be aware normal lessons will not be available. **We were hoping to have this list today, but this list has not been shared with us yet.** The guidance we have had does say that children of key workers should not come to school if only one parent is a key worker or there is another adult in the household who is not a key worker.

We have a very reduced number of staff available to us currently, so we ask all parents to consider carefully if their children need to come to school or not, even if they are key workers. This would enable us to ensure we focus the staff available to us on providing for those children most in need, and will also reduce social contact as much as possible.

Thank you to those parents who have already emailed me if you think you will need to send your child in to school from Monday 23rd March. We had hoped to be able to contact you today to confirm the arrangements, but until we have official guidance we are unable to respond fully. Please be advised, we may ask for proof of your employment as a key worker.

Home learning

Our staff, many of whom are having to work from home, have been working hard to ensure that work is available for the children in their classes. From Monday 23rd March work and activities will be available via the class blogs on our website. We will be sending more information about this tomorrow, before we close.

We will keep in regular contact with you during the closure, but if you need to contact the school during the closure period, please contact me at pturner@thrapston.net

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the official health advice from the Government. If you become unwell or develop symptoms including cough, fever and/or breathing difficulties, you should self-isolate your entire household for 14 days and call NHS 111 if the symptoms get worse.

Yours sincerely

Mrs P Turner
Headteacher