

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils**

Following on from our last update, I'm writing to let you know that we have been instructed to close the school **to almost all children after this Friday until further notice**. As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, delivery staff and others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think you or your child fall into one of these categories by returning the slip below or speaking to school as soon as possible. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.** Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this occurs through our School Life app, texts and website.

**What we'll continue doing while your child is at home**

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. We will activate our home learning packs as soon as possible which will be sent out via the School Life app and also available for download from the school website [www.netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk)

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how this provision will continue, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and apologise for the inconvenience it will cause. We'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops. If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact school on 01384 818415 or email [info@netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@netherbrook.dudley.sch.uk). And please remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Rawlings

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**School Closure Key Worker Response Slip**

My child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

My 'Essential Key Worker Role' as outlined by HM Government \_\_\_\_\_

Any other relevant information relating to my child \_\_\_\_\_

My child will / won't be attending school (*circle as appropriate*)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_