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COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

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Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 20.03.20, 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, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

While we are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, **the Local Authority** have defined key workers as:

- **NHS workers (including ambulance), doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, hospital cleaners**
- **Community safety staff: police and fire services,**

This is subject to change but is the current definition. It would help us if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories.

These categories are likely to change during this crisis and as soon as the government has clarified their position we will let you know.

If you believe that your children will need to attend school because you fall into one of these categories, please email me at admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk with the information below

It's imperative that this is done with full integrity and respect for the conditions set out; clearly if it's a two-parent/carer household with one parent a keyworker but the other not, then your child/ren can stay at home; Additionally, whilst your child may have an EHCP, for example, you may feel that the best place for them at this time of anxiety is at home with you. Schools are being asked to remain open to cater for those with a genuine need. I can assure you that the staff and governors are committed to meeting our responsibilities and will endeavour to manage this situation in the best way to help see us through the current emergency.

Information to email me if applicable:

Your child or children's name/s and class/es.	Name: Class:
The reason why you think they need to attend.	
Would it be every day or just certain days (depending on your working pattern)?	
Do you also use HOSCA for childcare (and, if so, is that before or after school/every day or certain days?)	
Any other information that may be relevant.	



The eligibility information will be cross referenced with the Local Authority. We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

Can we remind you that if you are in a household where anyone is self-isolating because they are either experiencing symptoms or have a vulnerability your child should not be sent to school.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23.03.20, 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by school text messaging system and the school 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.

- Parents and pupils can find work set for them on the school website by clicking under latest news, called online links to home learning.
- Our expectations for attendance and completing work is essential in order to ensure that the children do not fall behind with their learning
- Parents and pupils will be able to contact the school and their teacher(s) through the new app Showbie <https://my.showbie.com> – letter out tonight.
- If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

What we won't be able to go ahead with

- School trips
- After-school clubs
- Events
- Internal and external exams or tests including SAT's

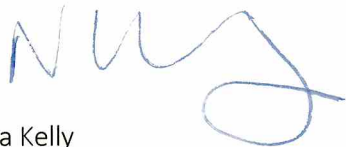
This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via admin@risepark.nottingham.sch.uk or telephone school.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

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

Kind Regards



Natasha Kelly
Head Teacher