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Coronavirus: East Dene Primary School Closure

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 children after this Friday (20th March) until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers. We are awaiting guidance as to who key workers are but our current understanding is that this will include all NHS employees and category one responders. (Category one are workers at the core of the response to most emergencies - the emergency services, local authorities, NHS bodies) 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 your child may fall into one of these categories by completing the slip below.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday (23rd March) 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 is by text and Twitter updates. Information will also be posted on our school website (details can be found below).

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 have prepared alternative work provisions for pupils to complete at home. Packs of work will be sent home with your child as well as being available electronically via our website. Once they have been completed, please retain the work so these can be returned to your child's class teacher when school resumes. We know the home learning packs will not last if school is closed for a considerable amount of time, however this is a starting point from Monday 23rd March and any additional learning will be added on our website.

If you need to contact the school for any reason during this period of closure, you can do so by emailing us at enquiries@eastdene.org Alternatively, you can call us on the usual school number. We will continue to keep you informed during the closure and update you with any new information about our re-opening date.

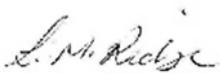
If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us 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'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

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.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. L Ridge
Headteacher

The DfE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

- Phone: 0800 046 8687
- Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

I believe that I fall into the Key Worker category and my child/children.....
Will be attending school from Monday 23rd March 2020.

Signed Parent/Guardian.....
