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learning, caring, preparing

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Dear parents/carers,

Our current situation

School and nursery will be closed from the start of next week. Any information about re-opening will be posted on our website <http://donningtonwoodinfants.co.uk/>

- Packs to support home learning are being sent home with the children who are still in school and nursery. Packs for children already at home will be posted through letter boxes today. Please do not come to school to collect a pack.
- All the information and learning ideas in the packs will be available on the school website. Additional ideas / resources will be posted if school remains closed for an extended time.

If you need to contact us while we are closed please **do not phone** but use our new email address.

Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

Yesterday the government issued the list of 'keyworkers' and more clarity about vulnerable groups. Schools are being asked, where they have sufficient staff, to make a childcare provision for a limited number of eligible children. This provision will not be 'school' in the usual way. We are currently working on how this will work and hope to be able to offer a provision from early next week. We hope this can be for eligible nursery and school age children but cannot confirm this at the moment. We will contact parents of children directly who meet the 'vulnerable' criteria.

If you believe that you are a keyworker please check the list on the back of this letter. Both parents do not need to be keyworkers but if your child can be cared for safely at home then this is the preferred option. If you have no-one else able to care for your child(ren) then please email us at school as soon as possible but not later than Saturday 21st March 2020 at 12.00 noon (please do not phone). Once we have received responses we will be able to finalise our plans and let everyone know what will be happening next week.

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In your email please tell us

- your child's name
- your name (and name of your partner if applicable)
- your job role and employer's details (and those of your partner if applicable)
- times of the day / days of the week you would need childcare
- confirm a contact email and phone number

Current health guidance remains the same

- **If one person in your house has a persistent cough or fever, everyone living there must stay at home for 14 days.** If you have to stay at home you should, if possible, avoid leaving the house "even to buy food or essentials"

- Everyone should stop non-essential contact with others. This is particularly important for people over 70, those with underlying health conditions and pregnant women. Unnecessary social contact should be avoided

Thank you for your continued understanding and support in this unique situation.

Mrs Caroline Boddy
Headteacher

Key Workers (DfE guidance 19/3/2020)

Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.