



School Closure

We have been advised by Public Health England and The Rose Learning Trust to close the school with effect 3pm this Friday 20th March 2020. This is not because there has been a case within our school but is part of the wider Government/Public Health strategy to contain the Coronavirus across the country.

We have a detailed plan of action in place with procedures for all aspects of the closure. These will now be put into place and include the following:

- The school will close to most pupils at 3pm on Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.
- It was announced the children of Key Workers will still be able to attend school.
 - If one parent is a key worker, the government will expect the other parent to have their child at home. Single parents who are key workers will obviously be entitled to a school place.
- We will contact the parents of children with EHCP plans or social workers directly.
- We will provide free school meals for the rest of this week and beyond, if required, and school kitchens stay open. Any information received about the proposed voucher scheme will be sent to you as soon as we receive it.

Contacting school during closure

If you have any urgent concerns about your child's education during the time that the school is closed or questions about your child's home learning please email:

admin@lakeside.doncaster.sch.uk and your email will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

Regular updates regarding coronavirus and school closure or re-opening will be provided via the school's Facebook page, the school website and texts to parents. Please check all three regularly.

Updates from the government can be found here:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



Safeguarding

We hope that all children will stay safe when they are not at school. If you have any urgent safeguarding concerns about a child please contact: 01302 737777 or complete the online referral form here:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/safeguarding-concern-child-at-risk-report-form>

If you have any urgent safeguarding or other urgent concerns please phone the school's emergency number: **07424867865**

Learning from Home

Home learning packs were sent home on 18/03/20. Any remaining packs for children absent will be delivered to homes directly on Thursday 19/03/20 and Friday 20/03/20.

There are lots of useful links on the school website under the Home Learning tab. Class teachers will be updating the year group sections daily with new materials for children to use.

We expect children to continue learning from home on every school day of absence. Children should do the following:

- Follow school routine, getting up at the normal time and ensuring regular time throughout the day for learning.
- Makes sure they read and do at least one English, Maths and Topic activity and spend some time learning online using the information and links on the Home Learning page or Y6 SATS preparation page. Although the SATs tests have now been cancelled by the DfE, Y6 children should keep learning in preparation for secondary school.
- Teachers will update the year group pages regularly.

We will continue to plan and act accordingly as the current situation develops. Please be reassured that you will be kept fully up-to-date.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support during this difficult time.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Bullock

Headteacher