

CORONA VIRUS AND SCHOOL CLOSURE - ACTIONS YOU NEED TO TAKE

Dear Parent/Carer

School is CLOSED from 3pm on Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice. All children MUST remain at home unless you meet the Critical Worker Criteria which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

If you are in the critical worker sector but can ensure your child is kept at home, the advice is to do this to limit the number of children in contact with each other and therefore to not spread the virus.

Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be irrespective of work status.

I need to stress that if demand from critical workers is greater than the care we are able to provide safely, then we will have to prioritise places for certain families.

To assist us with our provision, please as a matter of urgency inform the school via the survey sent out on class dojo or by emailing keyworkers@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk with as much detail as possible in regards to both the primary carer and secondary carer workers and how they meet the critical worker criteria.

Please do not phone school unless it is absolutely necessary. Email will be continually monitored as will clasdojo.

We realise the short response time but the list of critical workers was not made til last night. We will confirm places for Monday as soon as is practically possible via text message, class dojo, email or phone call.

These are unprecedented times for school and for our community and only by pulling together, respecting the rules as set down by the government will we be able to effectively manage the safe provision of children in our care.

DO NOT send your children to school if neither parent is a critical worker or is not a vulnerable child or a child with an EHCP.

We need to minimise the amount of children in school as much as possible and are relying on our community to support us and each other at this difficult time by following the rules as set out by central government.

IF YOUR CHILD CAN STAY AT HOME – PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME

Obviously, if your child(ren) is/are attending school for care because you are a key worker, they must not attend if they are displaying any signs or symptoms of the virus and should not attend if feeling unwell as per normal illness procedures in school. This should be a phone call into school as normal.

OTHER INFORMATION

You will be aware that we have been sending a number of messages via class dojo and will continue to do so. We will not be sending any learning packs home but will be posting links to activities to enjoy together at home (plus maybe a little bit of learning!)

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please email Mrs Roberts or Mrs Wilson on lroberts@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk or swilson@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk

If safeguarding concerns are urgent, please call school on 01723362249. If your concerns are urgent and you cannot get in touch with school, please phone NYCC safeguarding team on 01609 780780

If you do not hear from us before Sunday at 3pm. Please email keyworkers@northstead.n-yorks.sch.uk for clarification. Your email will be answered as soon as possible and definitely before 8pm on Sunday.

Regards

Mr Lidgley

Headteacher