



DOWNHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND MONTESSORI NURSERY

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School Closure

Dear Parents

We had hoped to stay open until the end of the Spring Term next week. We have now been instructed to close the school at the end of the day, tomorrow Friday 20th March.

The Government has requested that if we have enough staff, we remain open for the children of Key Workers to enable them to carry on with their vital jobs.

Below is the current Key Worker list as published, that they will be amending / expanding later this afternoon.

Key Workers are:-

Health Care Workers

Police Officers

Emergency Services e.g. fire fighters

Supermarket delivery drivers

Workers looking after the vulnerable and elderly

Teachers, nursery school workers

If you are a Key Worker and you want your child / children to attend school please email the school office immediately. Please state your profession and your reason for needing childcare e.g. no available family to look after your children if they don't attend school. We urgently need to know how many children will be attending to enable us to arrange a rota of staff who are still able to work.

We will provide appropriate work for the children to do at home, so that their education can continue whilst the school is closed.

We have already sent home a list of online educational resources. Tomorrow we will send the children home with a home learning pack, prepared by their teachers.

If your child is not at school tomorrow we will set up a collection point so that you can come and collect the pack at the start of next week. We will send another email home with these details on Monday.

There will be no hot lunches during this period. Please send your child with a packed lunch.

We are not sending out hot lunch invoices for next term as due to next week's closure you have a credit on your account.

Nursery Funding (Grant)

The Government has confirmed that they will pay Early Education Funding (nursery grant) next term, even if the school is closed for some of the time, or if children are absent.

Could we please ask all parents, who have a pupil eligible for grant, to fill in the grant form and return it urgently. We will be arranging to get these to parents ASAP.

Downham Nursery School

From Monday our site at 168 Lynn Road will close. If you are a Key Worker please bring your child / children to our nursery school at Stow Bardolph, where staff from both nurseries will be working on a rota basis.

We are waiting to hear from the Government details of how we can apply for the financial support that has been promised to small businesses and for our staff and parents. We will keep you updated throughout the school closure, as soon as we have any news