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COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I'm now writing to let you know that we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday 20.03.20, until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

While we are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, the Local Authority have defined key workers as:

- NHS workers (including ambulance), doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, hospital cleaners
- Community safety staff: police and fire services,

This is subject to change but is the current definition. It would help us if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. (These categories are likely to change during this crisis and as soon as the government has clarified their position we will let you know.)

If you believe that your children will need to attend school because you fall into one of these categories, please email me directly (headteacher@robinhood.nottingham.sch.uk) with the information below.

It's imperative that this is done with full integrity and respect for the conditions set out; clearly if it's a two-parent/carer household with one parent a keyworker but the other not, then your child/ren can stay at home. Additionally, whilst your child may have an EHCP, for example, you may feel that the best place for them at this time of anxiety is at home with you. **Schools are being asked to remain open to cater for those with a genuine need.** I can assure you that the staff and governors are committed to meeting our responsibilities and will endeavour to manage this situation in the best way to help see us through the current emergency.



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Information to email me if applicable:

Your child or children's name/s	
The reason why you think they need to attend.	
Would it be every day or just certain days (depending on your working pattern)?	
Do you also use Robin Hood for childcare Is that BC / ASC – what days?	
Any other questions / relevant information?	

The eligibility information will be cross referenced with the Local Authority. We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

Can we remind you that if you are in a household where anyone is self-isolating because they are either experiencing symptoms or have a vulnerability your child should not be sent to school.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday 23.03.20, 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 will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by School text messaging and via the School Website.

You will all have been emailed directly by class teachers re our Remote Learning Strategy. We will stay in touch with you all remotely. Please contact us at any point if you need to.

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.



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

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so. Call us, email us.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online.

On a personal note...

Our children are just as concerned and worried as we may be right now. Our children not only can hear everything that is going on around them, but they feel our constant tension and anxiety. They have never experienced anything like this before. Although the idea of being off of school for a few weeks sounds awesome, they are probably picturing a fun time like summer break, not the reality of being trapped at home and not seeing their friends.

Over the coming weeks, you will see an increase in behaviour issues with your children. Whether it's anxiety, or anger, or protest that they can't do things normally - it will happen. You may see more meltdowns, tantrums, and oppositional behaviour in the coming weeks. This is normal and expected under these circumstances.

What kids need right now is to feel comforted and loved. To feel like it's all going to be ok. And that might mean that you tear up your perfect schedule and push your love on to your kids a bit more. Play outside and go on walks? Bake cakes and paint? Play board games and watch films? Do a science experiment together or create an Easter Eggtravaganza entry and email me a picture? Start a book and read together as a family? Snuggle under warm blankets and do nothing for a while?

Don't worry about them regressing in school. Every single child is in this boat and they all will be ok! When we are back in the classroom, we will all work hard to get this back on track and meet them where they are. Teachers are experts at this! Don't get upset with your children because they don't want to do work all day or follow a schedule every day and all week.

At the end of all of this, your child's mental health will be more important than their academic skills.

Stay safe and take care of each other.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.
Kind Regards

Nicky Bridges (Headteacher and mummy to two little girls!)