



Kea Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus (COVID-19): School Closure

Due to yesterday's announcement from the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, that all UK schools must close due to the spread of the Coronavirus, we are writing to officially notify you of Kea School closure as of Friday 20 March at the end of the school day.

This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts us all, but we believe that the closure of schools is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone and prevent further spread of the virus.

The Prime Minister advised that children should not be left with older grandparents or older relatives who may be particularly vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

Vulnerable children and children of key workers will continue to be able to come into school as normal. Examples of these key workers include NHS staff, police, workers in the social care sector and delivery drivers of food and medicines who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Educational Health and Care Plans. We are expecting to receive more guidance from the DfE today which will give us more clarification on key worker roles.

Please will you let us know as soon as possible (by e-mail this morning ideally) if you work in any of these sectors so that we can put things in place for the children.

As you are aware, staff at school have been working hard to create a distance learning plan to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their learning remotely.

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via email and the school website. We will be communicating with you throughout this time and more information on this will follow in due course.

Until then, we would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery. These are incredibly challenging times for everyone and, as a school, we will do whatever we can to support our community.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher