

Perryfields

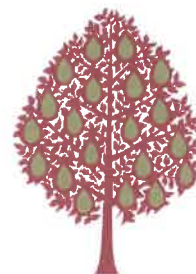
INFANT SCHOOL

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20th March 2020

Dear Parents,

Following the announcement from the Government yesterday, this is to confirm that Perryfields Infant School is closed from Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice, to all pupils with the following exceptions:

- Children who have an EHCP
- Children who have a social worker
- Children of parents/carers classed as 'Key Workers' (if there is no alternative childcare)

If we have not heard from you we will assume that your child will not be attending school. The guidance from the government is very clear **that children who fall into one of the above categories should only come into school as a last resort if no other childcare is available.**

Your child is safer at home. If we have too many requests then school will not be able to open at all. We will require proof of your profession before any child can enter the school.

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the speed of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who **absolutely need to attend**.

If your children are at school from Monday 23rd March, please note that the school will not be operating as normal. We will not have a full staff in place and children will be cared for together with a significantly reduced workforce. School will be open from 9am and will close at 3pm. It is your responsibility to make arrangements to get your child to and from school. There will be a limited food provision available for children so bringing a packed lunch in each day is necessary (until the food situation is clearer). If your child is attending school from Monday and they receive Free School Meals, they will still receive this in school. Children do not require to wear school uniform.

I would also like to set out that if your child is attending school from Monday the current Public Health England guidance remains in place. Therefore your child or anyone in your household develops a new, continuous cough and/or has a high temperature you should all self isolate for 14 days and contact the school to let us know your child will not be attending school.

All other children are to remain at home and not to come into school until further notice. For children at home, I wrote to you earlier to explain our provision for accessing work and what our expectations are. Please continue to look at our website (Learning from Home tab) and check your emails. We will communicate more learning from home activities after Easter.



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These are incredibly difficult times for everyone and I would like to thank all parents for the support we have received. We will continue to communicate with the whole school community via parentmail and the website over the coming weeks to keep you updated as best as we can.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Reid', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Amanda Reid
Headteacher