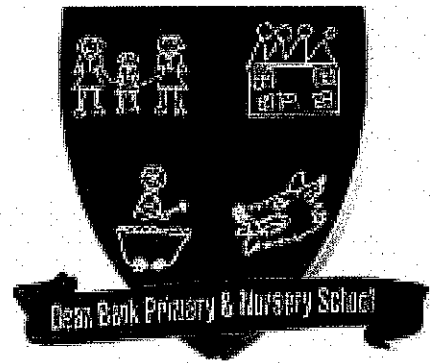


# Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers ,

## School Closure Information

I am sure that you are aware that the Government are constantly updating guidelines as to how we should respond to deal with the coronavirus outbreak. It is undoubtedly impacting our lives significantly and I know that as a community we will all support each other and work together to ensure the health and well-being of every single one of us and our loved ones.

The Government's announcement of school closures to all but a small number of pupils is a key strategy in the efforts to contain the spread of the virus and we are now undertaking the process of organising the reduced provision – from education to childcare for certain pupils. It is important that the key message from the Department of Education is followed – ***schools are to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.***

With this guidance in mind, I have sent out a request via the app for parents to complete if they feel that they undertake a critical role in the Covid-19 response ***and cannot safely care for their child at home.*** Please complete this as a matter of urgency so that we can make appropriate plans for provision here at school. The DfE have outlined what they class a 'critical sectors' of employment in detail and I have provided a summary of these at the end of this letter.

It is important to note that once we have information as to how many children we are asked to provide for, we will need to assess how the provision can best be organised. We will then contact you to offer your child a place in school. **School will be closed from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to all children, unless you have received an offer of childcare provision.**

Please continue to keep a check on our website and app for updates as the situation progresses. I will endeavour to keep you fully informed both as the day progresses today and over the coming days and weeks.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pauline Northcott  
Head Teacher



## **A summary of Dept for Education 'critical roles'**

### **Health and social care**

Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector. In addition it includes those working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment.

### **Education and childcare**

Nursery, teaching staff and social workers.

### **Key public services**

Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalists providing public service broadcasting.

### **Local and national government**

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including payment of benefits.

### **Food and other necessary goods**

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

### **Public safety and national security**

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

### **Transport**

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

### **Utilities, communication and financial services**

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

