



# HAREWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Coronavirus update – school closure

I am writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close our school after Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of March until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will look at provision for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. Please fill in the form below and return to school by lunchtime on Friday if you are in need of some sessions over the coming weeks. This applies if **both parents are key workers.** We ask that you consider the care that you are able to provide at home and to look at your working patterns to see when you **essentially** need school provision. Once we have collated your responses we will work with partner schools to organize provision.

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not bring your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. Our response to this situation will be coordinated by Wakefield Local Authority and our intention is to re-open school fully as soon as the government allows. We will let you know when this is by posting on the school website [www.harewood.wakefield.sch.uk](http://www.harewood.wakefield.sch.uk) and via our school Facebook page.

## What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us. To help your child to learn at home we are doing the following:

- Providing a 'Busy Bag' with ideas and activities for you and your child to do
- Providing additional learning resources and activity ideas on the school website.
- Providing links to other useful websites
- Providing further guidance as further details of the government's plans are announced
- Monitoring my email daily to ensure we have the latest information to share with you and to answer any questions and to deal with any concerns  
[headteacher@harewood.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@harewood.wakefield.sch.uk)

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience and support as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will

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have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Becky Cook

Headteacher

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## Request for support as Key Worker / Parent of a child with additional needs

Childs name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1 name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

We will require childcare for the following sessions each week: *(please tick)*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM					
PM					

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Once we have collated parent's responses we will see what we can offer here or in partnership with local schools as directed by the local authority.

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