



19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education announced that all schools will close at the end of the day tomorrow until further notice. Despite the announcement, we had already taken the decision to close the school at the end of the day on Friday 20th March. We will wait to hear what will happen next.

This week, we have been operating with a skeleton staff and with some classes merged due to the number of school staff self-isolating. This has mainly been as a result of underlying health issues rather than due to symptoms of the virus. We are very proud of the commitment that all school staff have shown in keeping the school open during this period and I would like to give my personal thanks to **ALL** school staff.

Teachers have provided work for the initial 2-week closure period. This is on the website under: 'pupils' / 'learning at home' <https://www.sunnyhillprimary.com/page/?title=Learning+at+Home&pid=65>. When we have a bit more information on the length of the school closure, we will be able to update you on how to access additional work for children.

It was also announced that schools would make provision for the care of children of key workers, children with EHCPs and vulnerable children. **We do not yet know what this will mean in practice.** It may be that schools come together to provide this service or we may provide the service here using a few staff. I will write to you again tomorrow with more information on how we propose to meet this new duty.

It is vitally important that the school has all of your up to date telephone numbers and email addresses, so please contact the main school office if you need to update any contact information.

Thank you for your cooperation and on-going support.

Kind regards,

Sarah Wilson
Head Teacher