



This is a joint communication for Parents and Carers who have children attending Knights Enham Junior School and Knights Enham Nursery and Infant School.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Last night the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Education announced that schools are to close at the end of tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020, except for the children of key workers (as defined by the Government) and pupils deemed vulnerable.

At this stage we don't know how long this closure will be for but we are working on the assumption that it is likely to be for some time, and we are planning for the eventuality that it may last throughout the summer term.

As advised by the Government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We are waiting for the Government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories. You can do this in the easiest method for you e.g. by telephone, by email or by text. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure about who this Government instruction does apply to. The Secretary of State has also asked that schools remain open in some capacity during the Easter break for these children so that designated key workers can continue to fulfil their roles. We will give details of this provision to those families when we have information about what this might look like for the Knights Enham Schools.

Please do let each school know, using the arrangements detailed above if you feel that you fall into one of these categories as soon as you receive this letter and no later than 11am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

While we await further clarification from the Department for Education **all other children must stay at home from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

If your child is eligible for disadvantaged pupil premium we will be in touch with more information about how their free school meals may be continued, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced. The schools are aware of who this applies to, (this is not the Infant Universal Lunch provision.)

These are unprecedented and challenging times but we are committed to supporting our families as best we can and through caring for those who will continue to attend school.

We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone but if you have any questions please telephone the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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