

# TWERTON INFANT SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

## SCHOOL CLOSURE on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

From the end of the day tomorrow, the School and Nursery will be closed for an indefinite period.

This decision has been made by the government to slow the transmission of coronavirus as part of the social distancing strategy. Please take care while you are staying at home:

### Do

- ✓ try to keep 2 metres (3 steps) away from each other
- ✓ avoid using shared spaces, such as kitchens or bathrooms, at the same time as each other
- ✓ open windows in shared spaces if you can
- ✓ clean a shared bathroom each time you use it, for example by wiping the surfaces you have touched
- ✓ use a dishwasher if you have one – if you do not have one, use washing-up liquid and warm water and dry everything thoroughly

### Don't

- ✗ do not share a bed, if possible
- ✗ do not share towels, including hand towels and tea towels

### Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse

➔ [Use the 111 coronavirus service](#)

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

Also:

- Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough.
- Avoid non-essential use of public transport, varying your travel times to avoid rush hour, when possible.
- Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this. Please refer to employer guidance for more information.
- Avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs.
- Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media.
- Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services.

During the period when the school is closed, we have been asked to support the families of keyworkers to enable them to keep working at what is a challenging time for us all.

In addition, we have been asked to continue to support children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) and children who have a social worker. Today we have contacted the families of all these children and made arrangements for those children to attend school when they are fit and well.

At the time of writing this letter, schools in the UK have not yet been given guidance to clarify which jobs qualify for "essential worker" status. Therefore, I have sent a survey to all parents by SMS to capture the information that will help to determine this.

If you have not already completed the Essential Worker Survey please do so ASAP:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9WCG8BQ>

**Tomorrow we will contact parents who are essential workers to confirm which children will attend the school on Monday. N.B. If you are not contacted by the school tomorrow, then your child is to stay at home.**

All children in the school should have received a Home Learning Pack by early next week. This contains a range of activities and a suggested timetable to keep children engaged in some learning whilst they are at home. There will also be some reading books for you to enjoy together.

From Monday, we will be providing a packed lunch for each child that can be collected by parents from the school. The sandwiches will be either ham or cheese and there will be a piece of fruit and cake or healthy biscuit.

To prevent too much gathering at the school we will send parents a time-slot (by SMS) within which you can collect the lunches. The packed lunches will be available for collection from a table in the foyer.

I appreciate that this is a very difficult and uncertain situation for us all and I will keep you informed with whatever information I can to provide clarity. I am really sorry that the school has been required to close but I look forward to resuming normal service in the future.

Finally, I have continued to be impressed by the professionalism and care of the staff across the school and nursery during these challenging days. It has been a most peculiar time and everyone has pulled together and tried to lift each other.

Tomorrow will be a sad day for us all when we say farewell to the children who have continued to brighten our week.

Please do take good care.

Yours sincerely,



**George Samios**  
**Headteacher**