

# Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Partial Closure of Thames View Infants

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that all schools in England will close temporarily for the vast majority of children from end of the day on Friday 20th March.

This decision has been taken on the advice of medical and scientific experts in order to manage the spread of COVID-19 and relieve pressure on the health system.

From Monday 23rd March, the vast majority of pupils' education will continue from home.

By the end of this week we will send you specific details of how this will operate. We have prepared well for these circumstances so that all our pupils can continue their education from home during the closure. I am extremely grateful to staff across the school for the way in which they have taken on this challenge.

The school will, however, remain open for two specific groups of pupils:

1. **Those whose parents are defined as key workers who do not have alternative child care arrangements** (employed in the NHS, elements of the food supply chain, emergency services, armed forces personnel or as teachers/support staff, social workers and those working in the care sector and certain local government workers, including local authority key workers who we will need to keep schools open and services running); please note that this list will be updated following government advice. We will also run a breakfast club for the children of key workers only.
2. **Those who are particularly vulnerable including those with EHC Plans.**

We are working together with Barking and Dagenham Council, local schools and Public Health England to make sure we are providing the right provision in line with government expectations of schools at this unprecedented time. Your children will continue to receive the high quality of education and care that you'd expect from Thames View Infants; however, under such special circumstances, it might look and feel a little bit different to normal.

I would ask that parents/carers who believe **they fall into the category of key workers without alternative child care arrangements** to email [Office@ThamesViewInfants.org](mailto:Office@ThamesViewInfants.org) as soon as possible with details of your employment



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and employer's contact details by no later than 12 noon on Friday 20th March so that we can arrange for your child to continue to attend school. After 12 noon, we will contact you to confirm your place.

Claire Smith and Emma Murphy will be identifying those pupils who are in the second category and will be contacting these parents and carers separately. If you believe your child falls into this latter category and you have not heard from us by 12noon on Friday 20th March, please email [Claire.Smith@ThamesViewInfants.org](mailto:Claire.Smith@ThamesViewInfants.org).

All children in school will continue to receive a hot school dinner. **We will also be offering all of our families at home a free packed lunch meal every day**, which you'll be able to order by 9:30am via a ParentMail Form from tomorrow (for Monday). Details will follow on the special arrangements for collecting this safely.

You'll appreciate that circumstances are moving rapidly. Over the next few days we will be in a position to update you further and provide additional information on ways we will be able to support your child during this time. We will be doing everything we can to deliver whatever is required of us by Government.

**Please remember all of the self-isolating guidance that I've notified you previously about, as this will continue to apply.** We are entering times of further uncertainty, speculation and concern and our responsibility as a school, like yours as a parent, is to give our children the learning, support and reassurance that they will need in the coming weeks.

We will continue to update parents on a regular basis with important information as we receive it. We will continue to communicate with you via ParentMail and Twitter. Tomorrow I'll also send you details of "home learning together". My staff and I plan to make podcasts too.

Tomorrow will be the last day of School for the majority of our pupils. We'll try and make it particularly special but, at the same time, all very normal. Children, for tomorrow only, can wear non-uniform or party clothes and School will close at usual times.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us in the weeks ahead.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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