



DUDLEY HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Re: Coronavirus update

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed by the government to provide home learning to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs, as long as we are able to do so.

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 and will need to remain in school. Please ring the school on 01476 400184 or email headteacher@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

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

Please note that this is a national situation – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by emailing, posting on the school website and Facebook pages and sending a text to parents.

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

Your child's learning is important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn.

- Your child will be bringing home, a home learning pack this week. The teachers prepared these general pack of activities for their children that could be used at any time if school closures were announced.
- After Easter your child's teachers will be email specific tasks for them to complete every few days. Children will be able to email the teacher and ask them any queries that they may have.

Mrs Beckett – abeckett@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk

Mrs Stukins - tstukins@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk

Miss White - vjwhite@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk

- We have also created an account on Sumdog for children in class 2, 3, and 4 where they can practice their mathematics, spelling and grammar skills. Children have tried the website at school and will be bringing home their log in details.
- We will also provide other online resources for them to access as well as written, practical and physical tasks.
- Children are expected to continue learning and complete tasks set by their teacher.
- If you do not have access to print resources out, then packs will be collated and will be available to collect from school at specific times.

- All staff will continue to work in school apart from Miss White and Mrs Johnson who, because of serious health problems, will now be working from home. Both can be contacted by email and Mrs Johnson can also be contacted on the school's mobile phone 07483 455 997 during work hours.

Miss White - vjwhite@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk

Mrs Johnson - headteacher@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk

What we won't be able to go ahead with

- School trips
- External sports events
- Swimming
- After-school clubs
- Friday Club

For those children who will be school on Monday, the gate will open at 8:30am and school will close at 3:30pm.

The school will close for the Easter holidays as already planned, but will reopen to key worker children and children with certain needs from Monday 20th April.

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

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via email headteacher@dudleyhouseschool.co.uk, or by calling the school on 01476 400184 or if needed ringing the school's mobile phone 07483 455 997 during work hours.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Jenny Johnson (Headteacher)