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Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – partial school closure

Due to ongoing concerns related to the increased transmission of covid19 and union discussions with school staff (which also included our teachers and teaching assistants, midday staff, site staff, catering staff and admin staff) across the country, I am writing to inform you that Governors have had to fully review the risk assessment late this afternoon and it is **not safe** for us to open school fully at the moment. Therefore, Governors have decided that school will move **immediately** to a partial opening.

This has all happened at very short notice this weekend and we know that it will cause a childcare issue for our families but school is not safe to open, which the government guidance outlines it must be for children to attend.

We'll only be able to **stay open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers**. All other children will need to continue their learning from home until we are confident that the school risk assessment can safely support whole class sizes again. This will be continually reviewed.

School will be closed to all on Monday 4th January as an emergency measure, whilst we adjust classroom layouts, brief staff and identify children who fulfill the specific criteria for critical worker/ vulnerable children.

Remote education

You will find details of our plans for remote learning in class dojo from Tuesday. Staff will be preparing all the online learning tomorrow ready to start on Tuesday.

We will also send you times for Tuesday to be able to come to the school gates and collect your child's:

- Home learning pack
- Pencil
- Powermaths book

Free school meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll continue to receive this while at home. We'll be in touch on Monday with more information on how we'll provide these.

Head Teacher: Mrs H Hollis BA (Hons)



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What we won't be able to go ahead with

- After-school childcare due to not mixing bubbles/campuses.

A reminder of the definitions of 'vulnerable children' and 'critical workers'

We will send out a letter this evening with a formstack link for families who wish to apply for a place at school during this partial closure. We will have to prioritize children so that we can accommodate the most vulnerable and the most critical families and I know you will all support us with those decisions.

Vulnerable children are those who:

- Have a child in need plan or child protection plan
- Are looked after by the local authority
- Have an education, health and care (EHC) plan and have been determined, following risk assessment, that their needs can be as safely or more safely met at school
- Have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable by the school or LA, including children who are:
 - On the edge of receiving support from children's social care services
 - Adopted
 - At risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
 - Living in temporary accommodation
 - Young carers

Critical workers are those who work in:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services (including the justice system, religious staff, charities delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting)
- Local and national government who are involved in delivering the coronavirus response or essential public services
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

Please let us know on your formstack application if your family has had a change in circumstance which means you or your child now fall into these categories. I will send an additional letter later today with details of how to

complete a formstack online to let us know if you wish to apply for one of these places.

This is as much as we know right now, and we appreciate your continued patience while we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and that it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by email admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk.

Thank you again for your support.

Maria Artingstoll

Chair of Governors

Vulnerable children and young people

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
 - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
 - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
 - those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
 - those living in temporary accommodation
 - those who are young carers
 - those who may have difficulty engaging with

remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)

- care leavers
- others at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare

- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors