

Thrussington C of E Primary School

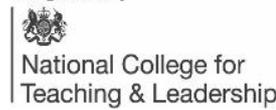
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday, 20th. March, 2020, until further notice.**

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. Please contact the school, providing child's name and class. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure to whom this will apply.

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 closure – 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 text, the school's web-site, letter - by whatever means is appropriate.

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

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. To that end, and until further notice, packs will be ready for you to collect from the school at 4.00 p.m. on Fridays. It is important for learning to continue. Teacher-led education will not be possible, so it is important for children to be encouraged to adopt a routine at home and for expectations of their commitment to remain high. Please be mindful that, for the first week at least, we are all trialling what works and what doesn't. For those children who are required to work through textbooks, there will be areas that they have not studied yet. Do not become anxious about any aspect of this. In some cases, there is work to be done which will take a period of time; longer than a week. Again, do not get anxious. It is far better that the work is undertaken positively so that the finished article is of a high quality.

Where appropriate, finished work is to be left at the school each Friday.

If your child usually receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

In line with official guidance, we will not be going ahead with

- Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)
- After school clubs
- Music lessons



It is anticipated that end of year, school reports will be issued

I'm afraid that schools have not received clarification of the list of 'key workers' or of 'vulnerable children'. I do expect news soon and once received and responded to, I will let you know. Clearly, there will be implications for the families concerned and for the operating of the school.

I have received a number of offers of help in a range of ways; I am most grateful. Once there is a degree of certainty then I will be better placed to see where this might fit in. Be assured that whatever happens, the welfare of the children will remain our priority.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. E. Moore.
Headteacher.

P.S. You will know that for a number of years, the school has been working with Mr. and Mrs. Warner as part of the forest school initiative. This is a message received from Sue Warner regarding the accessibility of Warners Woods:

"... please do tell your parents that they can walk in the wood. We are putting up signs to make it clear that people can feel free to walk in the woods, including the three fields you have not yet visited. Many do not even know what is on their doorstep. Perhaps the children can show the parents!

I am also happy for you to give anyone who asks my details

Mobile number 07808 470633, if they are unsure. "

