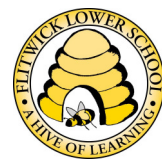


# FLITWICK LOWER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

It has been a very strange and difficult day as we make final preparations for closing the school to many of our children. The staff have been busy uploading activities to the learning platform in preparation for you to continue their education at home. You can access the learning platform via the school website along with the information about logging on.

The school does remain open with a reduced staff who are working on a rota to provide provision for children of key workers. Some of our staff are already working from home due to underlying health conditions and this may increase in the coming weeks. This is the government link which outlines the various categories:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

You should contact the school if you feel that you are in one of these categories so we can plan ahead. We have a comprehensive list in the office of children that we are now expecting and are asking that in order to ensure we have adequate provision you do not just turn up at school. You need to speak to the office staff or email the school at [flitwicklower@gmail.com](mailto:flitwicklower@gmail.com) so that we can verify that you are eligible. We are asking that you specify the days of the week you will require your child/ren to attend and that this is consistent so that we can ensure staffing is appropriate.

As stated in the previous letters, communication will be via the school ping, website and email system. There will be someone in the office at all times so you can ring in if you have any concerns or if your situation changes.

We are extremely sad that we have had to take this action but as you can understand this is in the best interests of the children and the wider community in these uncertain times. The guidance states that **'if your child can remain safely at home during this time then we advise you to do so in order to reduce the risk of infection.'**

Please ensure that you are following the government guidelines during the school closure regarding social distancing and larger gatherings.

We don't know how long the closure will be but hope that we might be able to come back before the end of the summer term so we can enjoy the end of the academic year together. If this is not possible we will endeavour to celebrate the time that the year 4 children have spent at Flitwick Lower in September.

We will of course be planning ahead for the autumn term regarding classes etc and the new intake of Foundation children.



We hope that you stay safe and well during this period and enjoy each other's company. I know it may be enforced but this time with your children will be precious. We are still here at the end of the phone if you need us.

Quote of the day

“ Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine” (Mario Fernandez)

Take care and look forward to seeing you soon xx

Best wishes

Mrs Joanna New

