

Winwick CE Primary School

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Coronavirus Update – School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government statement that has been released at 5.15pm this evening, schools in England are to **close this Friday (20.03.20)** until further notice.

We have already provided you with resources to support your child with their home education during this time, and will continue to set weekly work via the school website, and in some cases, through School PING. Please ensure that you are checking these forums, as this will be our main source of communication and information to you; this will include school opening details.

In the Government statement released earlier this evening, it was stated that *"schools will still need to look after the children of key workers - such as NHS staff - but also the most vulnerable pupils. This is to ensure public services can continue to operate."* Earlier today, we requested parents/carers email school to let us know if they are a key worker. However, in light of the new guidance, we need to amend this slightly.

From Monday 23rd March 2020, the school will be open, only to those children who:

- have both parents/carers who are key workers
- are part of a single parent family of a key worker
- are in receipt of EHCP funding
- have a social worker
- sit in any of the above categories and also has no underlying medical need, such as asthma, heart conditions, etc.

In light of this, we are requesting, if your child sits within any of the above categories, and you are taking the decision to send your child into school on Monday, please email <u>winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk</u> to let us know by **10am, THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2020.**

As a school, we also need to consider the welfare and personal circumstances of our staff team. As a result, we now need to do a review of numbers of pupils who need to be on-site from Monday so that we can try to accommodate this with appropriate staffing levels, including first aiders, etc.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sue Dymond and the Winwick Team

In God's love, aspire and achieve to be the best'

