

SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTICE, KEY WORKER INFORMATION & HOME LEARNING IDEAS

IMPORTANT CORONAVIRUS IMPACT UPDATE – SCHOOL CLOSURE NOTICE

We have been instructed to close temporarily from the end of the school day today, Friday 20th March 2020, until further notice by the government. After School Club will be open today only to those children who are already booked in.

Provision is being organised for children with a social worker, an Education and Health Care Plan, or who have parents who are ‘key workers’. **Where a child has more than one parent in their family home, and only one parent is a ‘key worker’, please do not send them to school unless absolutely necessary. Priority will be given to children where both parents are keyworkers. If it is at all possible for a child to be at home, they should be at home.** Please see overleaf for the government definition of keyworker roles. If you are a key worker(s) under this criteria, please let us know immediately. You will be asked to provide evidence of your occupation such as staff ID or a payslip.

During the closure please see our school website <https://corvuseducation.com/wattonwestfield> (go to ‘children’ on the menu bar across the top of the screen then scroll down to your child’s year group) and FaceBook page www.facebook.com/wattonwestfieldinfantandnurseryschool for home learning activities and links. Our staff will be working from home where possible to attempt to provide ideas for education or home activities.

If any parents or carers have any safeguarding concerns during the closure, please contact the school office at office@westfield.norfolk.sch.uk and your message will be passed on to one of our safeguarding team for their attention. Outside of normal school hours, or if you have a serious and urgent concern, please call the Children’s Advice and Duty Service (CADS) on 0344 800 8020 or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. In an emergency, call the police on 999.

We understand the closure will be inconvenient for some families, however we are sure you will agree the priority is to keep everybody safe. We will, of course, keep you up to date with any new information. Our main form of communication will be by email. **Please make sure you let us know if we do not have your email address or if you change any of your contact details.**

Finally, stay safe by following the government advice, be considerate to each other, and just keep doing your best in this difficult situation. We are all in this together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Kemp

Headteacher

Key Worker List

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

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 nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the 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, and 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 COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, 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 COVID-19 pandemic), 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

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems 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 COVID-19 response, as well as 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 and waste disposal sectors.

Home Learning Ideas and Activities

- Visit our school website <https://corvuseducation.com/wattonwestfield> and go to 'children', followed by your child's year group for homework ideas set by the teachers based on the curriculum
- Keep an eye on our school FaceBook page <facebook.com/wattonwestfieldinfantandnurseryschool> where we will share new ideas online and take a look at the suggested web pages overleaf
- Look at your child's objectives or next steps on their most recent school report.
- Share stories and practice reading every day. Talk about the characters and check your child's understanding of what they have read (how is the character feeling? Why do you think they did that? What might happen next? etc)
- Play lots of board game and puzzles to help with problem solving
- Let your child help with cooking and baking to help with reading, measuring and science
- If you have a garden, explore for mini beasts, or plant some seeds and watch them grow etc
- Keep active with garden toys such as ball games, or exercise indoors with dance or yoga etc
- Keep a diary or journal and write letters to friends and family
- Make a scrapbook of art and craft projects

We are very aware families may not have access to a printer. Your child could keep a diary of their home learning with their own writing and pictures, or you can email examples of what they have been doing for their teacher to see to their class homework email address as follows:

homeworkhedgehogs@corvuseducation.com, homeworkmonkeys@corvuseducation.com, homeworkpandas@corvuseducation.com, homeworkkoalas@corvuseducation.com, homeworkpolarbears@corvuseducation.com, homeworkcheetahs@corvuseducation.com, homeworkmeerkats@corvuseducation.com, homeworkelephants@corvuseducation.com, homeworkgiraffes@corvuseducation.com, homeworkparrots@corvuseducation.com, homeworkpenguins@corvuseducation.com

The class email addresses above may only be used for the receipt of homework. Please contact the school office at office@westfield.norfolk.sch.uk with any other queries.