

Lodge Road
Skellow
Doncaster
DN6 8PU

Headteacher:
Mrs V Stinson



www.owston.doncaster.sch.uk
Email: admin@owston.doncaster.sch.uk

Tel: 01302 722271

20th March 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION: KEY WORKER UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

From the end of today, schools will close to the majority of pupils. As a school, we need to do all that we can to do our part in reducing the spread of the Covid-19 virus. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, so school can remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. All children have been issued work packs and online learning opportunities through the website that will be updated every week by teachers.

I hope you will recognise the difficult times schools and school staff now face. We are called on to provide emergency childcare at a time when many teachers' first thought will be to remain with their families and children. **It is essential that we all pull together to support our emergency services and key workers and you can do this by minimising your call on our limited reserves.**

This is the situation at the moment, and it may be subject to change:

If children can be cared for at home, then they should be.

Owston Park will be open next week to support key worker's pupils when they are at work with no other childcare option, not when they are working from home. If the situation changes and the school does not have enough staff to open safely, children will be offered an alternative school. The provision is for childcare and children to be working in mixed age groups with a range of different adults.

School will be open 9am – 3pm. Children will enter and leave through the KS1 entrance.

I must stress, schools are closed for public health reasons and this childcare is an emergency measure only and must only be for when you are working and not if you are working from home.

Deputy chief medical officer Jenny Harries said school closures were necessary to reduce social contact throughout society and hence the spread of the virus. So although we are supporting the need to open for children of key workers we are also mindful that the higher number we have, the higher the risk through social contact.

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please telephone 01302 737777



Please complete the form below and **return by 12:00 dinner time today the 20.03.20** if you definitely require emergency childcare for the next two weeks initially. **If you cannot complete the form please ring school before this time.**

Your role must be linked to a key worker role as determined by following the link. We will require your employers contact details E.g. a phone number, e.mail, wage slip or your work photo ID.

Key Workers Definition [Government website link](#)

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

Request for pupil to continue at school after Friday 20th March 2020

Name/s of pupil/s		
Year group and class		
Name and relationship of Parent/carer who is a Key Worker		
The key work that the parent does		

Please tick the days you require your child to attend

Week beginning 23rd March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Week beginning 30th March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Emergency Contact Details during this time

Contact	Name	Relationship to child	Phone Number
1			
2			
3			

Signed _____ Parent / Carer

