



# BEECH HILL SCHOOL

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## School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to you. As you will have heard last night the government announced the closure of schools. This means that although school is not officially 'closed' the majority of pupils cannot attend until it is deemed safe to do so and the virus is under control. This is not because schools are not safe places but it is a measure put in place to prevent the spread of the virus.

As before, during the first lockdown, the government have asked parents to keep their children at home. This decision is incredibly frustrating for us all and we know and understand how much disruption this causes families. As a school we remain open for children of critical workers. I have attached the link below to the government site which lists critical workers; the list is fairly extensive. If you fall under one of the categories below then we may be able to offer your child a place in school. As well as the critical worker list, if your child has an EHCP, is a looked after child or is considered vulnerable; they will be eligible to attend school.

**If you feel your child falls into one of the categories listed, then please contact school via Seesaw or by phoning the school office on 01422 345004 by midday today.** If only one parent is classed as a critical worker and there is someone else within your household who is at home to care for your child, then this should be your first choice.

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

As you can appreciate, making arrangements for the children who will attend school and the rest who will access learning remotely is a big task and cannot be done overnight. I ask that parents are kind and show patience to school staff. We did not make this decision, the government did. We were fully prepared to start the spring term as normal and in a matter of hours, this has changed. We will be open tomorrow, Wednesday, for children of critical workers and will be in touch with other pupils who are eligible to attend. We will also share our remote learning curriculum with parents via Seesaw in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Hussain

**Headteacher**