

20th March 2020

Dear parent/carer

I find this a very difficult letter to write as the closing of school will be causing a great deal of anxiety to you, your children and our staff. I feel privileged to be the Head of School at Eyrescroft and I know that all staff value the responsibility they have and the contribution they make to our Eyrescroft community. However, due to government guidelines, we will be **closing from 3.15pm on Friday 20th March until further notice**. As you may be aware, we will remain open for vulnerable children and those of key workers. This will be reviewed daily according to staffing capacity. Hopefully those of you whom this applies to will have completed the form sent to you on Thursday.

With this in mind I would like to reassure you that although school will be closed to many of you, if you have any worries or concerns about your own child or another child you can **contact one of the Designated Safeguarding leads on the school mobile: 07340 542797**. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you, as soon as practically possible. Alternatively follow this link: <https://sites.google.com/elliottfoundation.co.uk/home-learning> and go to 'Report a Concern'.

With the responsibility we have to educate your children in mind, I would also like to remind you that teachers will be setting 1-2 hours of work virtually every weekday in the google classroom. If your child has any issues accessing this then please email [ehomelearning@hefed.org](mailto:ehomelearning@hefed.org) and we will do our best to help you with this as soon as possible. For the children in Reception and Year 1, packs of activities will be coming home with your child. EYFS will also be posting regularly on Tapestry. I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage you to read daily with your children, even just for 5 or 10 minutes, this really is so valuable. I also recommend keeping a reading log of all the stories/books you and your child share during the time we are closed. Here is a link to our home learning site <https://sites.google.com/elliottfoundation.co.uk/home-learning/home>

For those of you that have children that qualify for Free School Meals, we have made provisions to cater for this if you have requested it and we will be in contact on Monday to arrange collection/delivery (depending on staffing capacity). If you think your child/children qualify but we have not contacted you please email the school office on the address shown below.

If you qualify as a key worker or your children are classed as vulnerable this will have been highlighted on the form using the link sent to you yesterday. We will then have contacted you accordingly or will be contacting you today.

Our school email address **eyrescroftoffice@hefed.org** will be checked daily, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

I hope to see you all back and well as soon as possible and urge you to take care of yourselves and your families but also of one another as a community.

Take care

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