



# Little Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carer,

## LETTER NO 20 – National School Closure to the vast majority of pupils

Following the announcement tonight from the Prime Minister, I am writing to let you know that **we have been instructed to close the school until further notice**. This means that **Little Hill will close for the vast majority of pupils**.

We will continue to provide a school place for those children of key workers that were on our original list and also vulnerable groups. To clarify, those pupils that attended before 1st June during the first lockdown will be able to come to school tomorrow from 8.40 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. All other pupils will need to remain at home.

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has parents who are critical key workers, then in-school provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
4. If your circumstances have changed or you are new to Little Hill (EYFS pupils) and you believe your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then you will need to apply for a place. You must email the school office and someone will be in touch as soon as possible. Please bear with us as this information has also come late to us.

A full list of critical workers and further information is available.

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

**As school places are extremely limited, all other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by email and on our school website.



We believe that school lunch provision will continue as normal.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch regarding any queries then this must come via the office email address [office@littlehill.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@littlehill.leics.sch.uk) and not Class Dojo.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Kind regards

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