

Dear parents and carers,

As you know, we have stayed open this week for a very limited number of children of key workers and those who are deemed vulnerable.

I am however, planning to close the school tomorrow due to these numbers diminishing day by day - as parents find alternative childcare arrangements or are working from home and keeping their children with them - which is by far the safest solution and what the government have been advising all along.

Several of my staff, across the Nursery and Childcare teams have been advised to self isolate, which means there is a limited number of adults to care for your children.

It is no longer viable or safe to open up such a large building for such small numbers and so therefore the decision has been made to close the building to close completely on Friday 27 March 2020. This is a common situation in most Nurseries and Childcare settings across County Durham and the whole of the country. However, Durham Local Authority are looking into the possibility of opening up hubs for children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response.

If you consider yourself in this category and are desperate for support with childcare that you can't provide yourselves, then please respond to this email and I will forward your details and requirements to the Local Authority who will consider opening hubs for children to attend.

I hope that you are all staying safe and healthy.

Until we meet again ...

Becky Wood

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