

## Woodlawn School

### Creating Opportunity, Sharing Success

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Senior leaders at Woodlawn School have contacted all of our parents today. From these conversations we have a small cohort of children who will attend school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

Please note children will need a packed lunch as our school kitchen will be redeployed to provide meals across North Tyneside from Monday.

Today our school is closing. From Monday the government has stated the following -

- **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
- **Schools as they normally run are closed.**
- **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**
- **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.**

**For a small number of children and families, there will be a different provision moving forwards. The school can only open if it is safe to do so. It is an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease.**

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. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Our school will be open **only** to children as follows:

- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding' – Ofsted October 2018



If your child is one of the children who will be attending next week and they usually have a free school meal, they will be provided with a free packed lunch. If your child is staying at home and usually has a free school meal parents can come in to collect them at 11:30am from school.

We need to monitor the situation on a daily basis for staff or children who are ill. Please ensure your contact details are current.

Thank you for your continued support and please keep in contact with us at school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gill Wilson', written in a cursive style.

Gill Wilson  
Headteacher