



Thornhill Junior & Infant School

Edge Lane, Thornhill, Dewsbury WF12 0QT

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Website: www.thornhilljschool.co.uk

Headteacher: Mr M Rowland

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Dear Parent/Carers,

As you are aware, all schools in England have been instructed to close at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March, until further notice.

This has been a fast-moving situation and we have had to respond rapidly to the updated advice given to us. In this letter I hope to give you as much information as possible as we move to this new way of working.

Please note: This plan has been written on the best information that we have now and is therefore subject to change.

School Contact

- ✓ thornhillsupport@focus-trust.co.uk
- ✓ 01924 485638

We have set up a new email address to filter unnecessary emails and be able to offer support and advice during this time. The school office will be staffed between 9am and 3:30pm every day. With a skeleton staff, we will try and answer your queries as quickly as possible, but please be patient.

Home Learning

Your child will bring home tonight an exercise book, a pencil and a 'Home Learning' pack. Your child's class teacher has also uploaded this onto their class page, on the school website (learning tab – Class page). These will be updated on a regular basis. If you need additional support to help your child then please telephone the school office or drop us an email to the address detailed above.

Provision for Key Worker Children (Both parents must be Key Workers)

With a skeleton staff, we will provide a KS1 and KS2 provision between 9am and 3:30pm. If you believe you are classified as a 'key worker', then please complete the attached form and return it to school. Alternatively, contact the school office to provide your details (Contact details above).

Provision for children with an EHCP

If your child has an Education Health Care Plan then your child is welcome to come into school, if they are well enough to do so. If you choose to/need to keep your child(ren) at home, then a member of school team will make contact with you on a regular basis.



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Arrangements for children with external agencies involved

If your family are being supported by an external agency such as a Family Support Worker or Social Worker, then your child is welcome to come into school, if they are well enough to do so. If you choose to/need to keep your child(ren) at home, then a member of school team will make contact with you on a daily basis and may make home visits.

Provision for providing food for children entitled to free school meals

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals and your child is well enough to come into school, then a meal will be provided every lunchtime. We would ask that you notify school if you intend to access this provision. If your child is not well enough to come into school, then a packed lunch can be collected from the school kitchen.

Fare Share arrangements

Fare Share will continue as usual, as far as we are aware. Food will be distributed from the 'Big Red Bus'. Dependent on the quantity of food available, we may need to make food parcels to ensure the food available benefits as many families as possible.

Robinwood Residential – Year 6

We have been in contact with Robinwood and as they remain open at this current time, they are not in a position to offer a refund. They have however agreed to offer an alternative date later in the year. We will update you as soon as we have any further information.

Additional Support/Advice

We will tweet and update our website regularly with relevant/helpful information. Please find attached some useful information prepared by Focus Trust.

Thank you to all parents/carers for their understanding through this difficult time. We are here to support you in any way that we can.

Yours sincerely

Mr Rowland
Headteacher