



*Consett Infant School*  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, we have been instructed to **close the school** to all children apart from those who have parents deemed as “key workers” as defined by the government. This advice has been issued to try to reduce the number of deaths from COVID-19.

Whilst we are willing to support key workers that have a real need, please be mindful that this emergency care is not provided to protect jobs but is a LAST RESORT to enable essential workers to carry out their roles. I fully understand that this is a challenging and stressful time for parents but it is also a time to put the needs of the whole community first and consider how our actions and behaviours can impact on the health and wellbeing of others.

With this in mind, could we ask parents of key workers only to send their child into school when all other options have been explored. In addition, we will only provide emergency care during the time parents are attending work. From Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March we will be asking you to sign your child in and out of school each day and indicate your work start and end time – we will expect you to drop off and collect your child in line with these times. We are required to submit this information to the DFE each day. We are also being encouraged by the DFE to contact places of work to check that these work patterns are correct.

As this is a rapidly changing situation should any alterations to your needs occur, please let us know via email/phone call at least one day beforehand. To enable us to plan sufficient staffing levels, we need you to inform us of your childcare requirements for each week by **the previous Thursday morning**. Failure to do this could result in us not being able to provide the service.

Thank you for your support during this very difficult time. Please be assured that no decision has been made lightly, the health and safety of your children and my staff have remained my priority at all times.

Julia Graham

Head Teacher

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