

## Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will already be aware, we are staying open for children of key workers only (who are NOT able to look after their children at home) up to and including *Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020*.

NO schools are required to be open on Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April) or Easter Monday (13<sup>th</sup> April). (However if both parents are NHS workers and are called in to undertake additional shifts due to increased demand – PLEASE contact the school mobile to arrange support. Ideally we need 48hrs notice of this need)

We have consulted our parents and families as we propose to be closed to ALL children from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April through to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. This allows us to ensure ALL staff have some break over Easter and means that when we are open, we can ensure we have staff trained in all key areas on site or on call to support.

We have had no parents/carers come back to say they cannot care for their children on these days, and as such will be closed. We have made an arrangement with a local DNEAT Academy (Thomas Bullock Primary Academy, Shipdham) to provide emergency childcare places for the Tuesday to Friday if needed, but these will only be for children whose parents are BOTH key workers or in single parent families where the parent is a key worker and ONLY where there are no other options.

We are also providing support to Thomas Bullock Primary Academy by taking 4 of their families during the first half of the break when they are closed.

## If you are in a position where you URGENTLY require childcare from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, please contact me on the SCHOOL MOBILE on 07874 690551 to discuss this further.

Many thanks for your continued support at this challenging time.

Kind regards



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