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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

As you are aware, the decision has been made for schools to close tomorrow on **Friday 20th March** until further notice. I realise that this news is very worrying but I want to reassure you that we have spent a great deal of time preparing for this eventuality.

We are currently planning how we can offer a service to look after any children of key workers and other children that the government have suggested may need to access school. We would like your help with this.

Please could you phone or email school on burlington.infants@eastriding.gov.uk as soon as possible if you are a key worker and will need to bring your child to school on Monday. Key workers have so far been defined as police, health and social care workers and delivery drivers but a definitive list will be published later today. Please let us know:

Your Name:

Your Occupation:

Your Child's name:

We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure - as you may have heard in the news - so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text message and the school website.



We have also been busy putting together a 'Home Learning Information Pack' for parents/carers to do with their child at home during this closure period. It includes:

- *KS1 or EYFS Activity Book. This covers all subject areas across the whole curriculum and provides lots of interesting activities and ideas for your child to complete at home.*
- *A list of online educational links. These will be published on the school website shortly and will be updated regularly.*
- *Phonic Booklets for Y1 children*
- *Reading Books and Library Books. Please take care of these books and keep them safe for return to school - thank you!*
- *'Learning Beyond the Classroom' Booklets, sent home during the Autumn Term.*

These packs will be sent home on Friday with your child or they can be collected from the school office. If you are self-isolating and would like the pack sending home instead, please ring and let us know. It is important to remember to make learning at home fun for your child, with lots of regular exercise, play and brain breaks!

We have been talking to the children lots and reassuring them as much as possible about what is happening in the world at the moment. Please find attached to this newsletter, some good advice about how to talk to your child about Coronavirus. The NHS have also asked us to publicise the link for school nurse and health visitor support for parents and carers at <https://humberphn.nhs.uk>.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or the School Office. And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can. In the meantime, please take care everyone and look after yourself and your families.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mari-Louise Booth
Headteacher

