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*A Christian school in a small community, making a big difference.  
(Thessalonians 5:11 - Encourage one another, build one another up.)*

## School closure and provision for key workers.

Dear Parents,

Firstly I would like to thank you all for your patience and words of support as we continue to navigate through this ever evolving situation. We here at Skidby want to take this opportunity to thank all those within our community that work in key roles during this time of national crisis, you have our utmost respect and support. You will no doubt have seen the announcement by the education secretary yesterday evening and I feel confident that the plans we have in place are as effective as they can be to ensure continuity of education for all our pupils as we begin to educate remotely and continue our service to the community.

Regarding provision for key workers and vulnerable children, firstly if you haven't already and you think that you fit into this category please get in touch with the school as soon as possible to help us to collate information about who to expect. Even if you do not think you will need the service please still make yourself known to us as this may change as the situation continues to change nationally. **I want to reassure all parents in this situation that we will be doing all we can to provide a continued service for these pupils at this time and this will include a continuation of service during the Easter holidays including the bank holidays—Good Friday and Easter Monday.**

The provision that we are able to put in place will be that school will be open 09:00—15:30 Monday—Friday and **pupils do not need to be in school uniform and we request that if they are coming in to school that they bring a packed lunch as we cannot guarantee that lunches will continue to be supplied during this time**, this will be staffed by a qualified teacher and a member of support staff, there will be no breakfast club or after school club available during this time. This has only been made possible thanks to the amazing attitude and community spirit of the staff and I want to say a really big thank you to the whole staff team as they continue to be so flexible and resilient to the growing demands on them. We will be working on a four week rota beginning with Mr Pritchard and Mrs Rilatt on Monday morning. While the children are in school they will be asked to complete the work set that day by their class teacher—this will be the same work that the pupils are asked to complete at home during isolation, this will make sure that when the children are at home with you that you do not need to worry about completing the school work and continuing their education on top of your already substantial demands on your day.

Further to this, Mrs Grady will be working from home in her capacity as the business manager, we have ensured that she has the resources she needs to fulfil her role whilst working remotely, this includes a mobile telephone number that parents can contact regarding any issues, queries or changes that occur during the duration of this pandemic. Please do not be surprised if you do receive a call from one of our staff members during this time as if we get chance we may just be checking in on the welfare of our pupils and the families we serve as we appreciate this will be a difficult time for all of us.

**Telephone : 07907 872890**

During this time if your children or any family member does become unwell and symptomatic then we request that you follow the national guidance, self—isolate and inform Mrs Grady as soon as possible that you have had to take this action.

I do hope that these arrangements help those in need at this time but I do ask that all families are mindful that this situation could change rapidly if staff members end up having to self isolate or become symptomatic. We will do everything we can to support the national effort to the best of our ability and I would request that all staff members continue to be treated with respect at this difficult time.

Kindest Regards

Mr S Richardson

