

# The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School

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## Coronavirus update - school closure to most pupils

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am writing to confirm that **we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information about what this means, which is expected tomorrow. In the meantime, to support our planning, please let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories by contacting the school as soon as possible.

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.**

You may have heard in the news that this is a national closure, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can; please visit the school website for updates: [www.devonshirehill.com](http://www.devonshirehill.com)

### What we'll continue doing while your child is at home

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. Please refer to our previous letter about home learning, also available on the school website at [www.devonshirehill.com](http://www.devonshirehill.com). You will receive further information via ParentMail shortly.

We advise that your child continues with daily learning. Our House Characteristics will support positive attitudes to learning and coping in this unprecedented situation.

**Independence, Responsibility, Initiative,  
Generosity, Curiosity, Perseverance,  
Optimism & Social Intelligence**

The government announced a scheme to support children who usually have free school meals; we will update you as the government publishes more guidance on this.

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 is far from ideal, but update you as the situation develops.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via the school office at [admin@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk)

And remember: if you or your child feels ill, please use [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk).

Thank you for your continued support. We will update you when we have more information.

Yours sincerely,

Julie D'Abreu  
Headteacher

