

17th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus Precautions and temporary closure of Dysart School from 18th March 2020

Thank you for your support during this time of unprecedented national circumstances. I am continuing to work together with the Orchard Hill College and Academy Trust Executive Leadership Team and members of the Local Authority as we consider the current government and health advice and how this applies to our children and staff at Dysart School.

We have, with regret, taken the decision today that due to the complex needs of our children and the updated health advice we have received that it would be appropriate to close the school until further notice in order to protect our pupils and staff from any additional risk.

We are endeavouring to support your children through this difficult time and all children will come home today with a learning resource pack or this will be delivered to you during the day tomorrow if your child is not in school today. We have also provided you with the contact details for your class teacher and senior teaching assistant so that you can make contact with them for additional support, ideas and information. All communication aids will also be coming home.

Currently all EHCP and other scheduled meetings are postponed; we will be contacting you individually and exploring the best way of completing these as soon as possible and when things are more stable.

We are keeping up to date, on a daily basis, with Government and DFE guidance and will stay in touch with you over the coming days and weeks with any decisions we make and advise you to do the same.

Information can be found here:

[Public Health England/NHS – Dial 111](#)

[Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline – 0800 046 8687](#)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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