

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: COVID-19

Coronavirus School Closure Update

Further to yesterday evening's announcement from Government, we have been instructed to close Little Fingers Pre-school, to almost all children until further notice, from Friday 20th March. I am writing regarding our requirement from the Government to stay open for the children of Key Workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, and others in front-line services who need to be able to go to work to support the country's fight to tackle coronavirus).

Following the publication by the Government containing more information about closures which can be found here: [Schools, colleges and early years settings to close](#), I would be grateful if you could let us know, if you consider that you fall into one of these 'Key Worker' categories and therefore require our support. Please email Olivia Duckney (adminoffice.lfpreschool@btinternet.com) with your particular details by the end of today, Thursday 19th March. Once we know the scope of the situation, we will make contact again with those who have responded.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child/ children into Little Fingers Pre-school, after the end of their usual day tomorrow, Friday 20th March, until further notice.

As you will have learned through the media, this is a national closure. I appreciate that it will be a challenging situation for many of you, especially with the recommendation that elderly grandparents and relatives with pre-existing health issues should not be relied upon to provide childcare. Rest assured, Little Fingers Pre-school will re-open fully, as soon as we are able to do so: I will be in touch again to let you know when this will be.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this extraordinary time. The above are sensible measures and designed to protect us all and particularly those most at risk. Little Fingers Pre-school is greatly supported, principally by its staff and parents, which in turn leads to such a happy environment. I have no doubt that this will continue and flourish. Where possible, we may well be able to offer children some distance learning. We are reviewing and will revert.

There has already been signs of great community spirit which shines in times of difficulty. Please stay safe and listen to the Government advice.

Kind regards,

Andrew Neal

Chair