



24th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health.

My sincere thanks to you all. Your patience, messages of concern and support have been appreciated during this unprecedented time. Thank you for maintaining a sense of calm and confidence in the school's leadership during this difficult period. We have been preparing for a new and very different unpredictable future. The team are working very hard in school, and at home where we have staff in isolation.

Please take the time to read this letter. With the ever-changing world we are in, there is important information to share.

CLOSURE OF THE SCHOOL AND RE-PURPOSING TO AN EMERGENCY CHILDCARE HUB

As you are aware, the school closed on Friday for the majority of our children. On **Monday 23rd March**, our school has been re-purposed to provide emergency care for our **vulnerable children and children of our key workers as identified by Government guidelines. The provision will be limited to childcare.** We will, of course, ensure those children who are in our care will have a fun-filled day with a mixture of learning, physical exercise and provide a school lunch for as long as we are able to do so.

I am sure you will appreciate that closing schools is an extraordinary measure in response to a serious health issue, quite simply, a strategy to save lives. Following Government advice, if your child can be safely cared for at home, please do so. This will ensure only children of parents with essential childcare needs are in school, minimising social contact, minimising the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

CONTACT WITH THE SCHOOL

We must stress that the school has been re-purposed for the sole use of care for the children of our key workers. Please do not come to the school or enter the building. We respectfully ask that parents of children who will be attending, leave their children outside the front Reception area door, where a member of team will ensure your child is taken safely inside the building.



FINALLY...

It is with heartfelt sadness we have had to close the school. However, these last couple of weeks have shown the strength of human kindness in our community. We will come through this together. I am so proud of our school community and I know that we will use the time to reflect. We will bounce back with renewed purpose and enthusiasm when this has run its course.

A **BIG** thank you to:

- the Krishna Avanti Team
- SSC members (especially to Arvind, Joyti and Swetha for offering to assist/volunteer)
- our FOKAS colleagues Kajal and Sejal for their support
- to every parent and carer for their kind words
- to all our key workers who are at the frontline and doing a fantastic job.

We are grateful for your continued support in this complex and evolving situation. We will continue to update you as the requirements or advice changes, and we will continue to follow Government advice.

Most of all thank you to our wonderful children and the Krishna Avanti Team in having to deal with this challenging situation. During these past two days it has been great to see our children laughing, playing and learning together - this has been the absolute medicine we have all needed. We will miss you all over the coming weeks.

We wish the very best to you and your families. Look out for each other and more importantly, stay at home and keep safe and healthy.

Warm regards

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