

20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure

As schools close for an indefinite period, we would like to thank all our school communities for their ongoing support during this difficult time.

We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to those who are fulfilling essential professional roles in the key sectors that are supporting us through this pandemic. Please know that our schools are committed to ensuring that we continue to support all families as best we can.

Staff in our schools have been taking time to reassure the children, discuss any questions or concerns they have and talk about how the children will complete their learning.

We understand the stress and pressure families are under and recognise that you may be working from home while your child/children need help with their learning. It is important to chat with your child/children and discuss the structure of how the day will work. Have fun with your child/children; home learning should not become a chore. Take the opportunity to spend some time together; read a favourite book, do puzzles, bake, watch TV together, get out the lego, create and build.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at NEST schools for their continued hard work and dedication in keeping our schools going. We thank them for coming in early, staying late and working above and beyond to ensure we can be as prepared as possible to enable all our children to continue their learning when we close.

We will get through this together. We will miss the sounds of buzzy learning classrooms and the laughter on the playground. Our children have been amazing these past few days and are showing such great resilience in such a difficult time.

Look after yourselves and each other and we will continue to be in touch.

Our best wishes,

The NEST Central Team