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Dear Parents and carers,

We would like to thank you again for the support you have been providing your child/children in the ever changing and evolving situation due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Yesterday evening, Gavin Williamson the Secretary of State for Education announced the news that schools will be closed from Monday and that assessments and exams will not take place this academic year either. These are unprecedented times and we thank you for your continued understanding and support which is very much appreciated by myself, our teachers, governors and the Fierté trust.

School will remain open on Thursday and Friday. Throughout today and tomorrow, we expect to receive further information about the provision for children of key workers and vulnerable children, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus. We will communicate with you in relation to this as soon as we have more information.

I would also like to thank the whole team at Dosthill Primary who have continued to work with dedication to provide quality care, education, administration, catering, lunch provision and cleaning/site support during this challenging time. Increasing staff absence has been managed effectively due to the superb team work and commitment of our caring and loyal team of staff.

The team spirit, resilience and kindness of everyone within our school community has really shone through. It remains a true privilege to work with and alongside you and your children.

Our four key visions and twelve core values will continue to guide us, your children/families and community as we venture forward in to the changing times ahead.



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Please continue to refer to our twelve core values with your children as there will be lots to celebrate and share in relation to these in the weeks ahead on personal, local, national and global levels.



Learning at Home:

Children will need stability, positivity, your kindness and support which I know you will emulate at home as we do in school.

Teachers are currently working hard to provide engaging learning experiences that children will relish and enjoy. These are all available on teams. Children are being shown how to access and engage with the learning on their year group team area and further guidance will be available on our school website. If your child is having difficulty accessing their class team please refer to the guidance letter sent out on Tuesday via parent mail. If you are still having problems please contact the school office on the number or email address above.

Each week, teachers will continue to set learning in line with our long and medium term planning so that children can still access learning and make progress in line with their year group/specific expectations. Further details will follow tomorrow on how you can set up a structured day at home similar to school to ensure stability for your child/children.

Keeping in touch/Administration:

We will continue to use our usual communication routes to provide important information to parents and children regularly. This will include the class team page, school website and via parent mail. If you have any specific questions the office and Headteacher email can also be used (office@dosthill.org/headteacher@dosthill.org).

School Attendance on Thursday and Friday

Just a reminder that if your child has been off school due to self-isolation, their absence from school will continue over the next two days due to the 14 day self-isolation guidance.



The following government advice remains in place:

- If you live with others and you or another member of the household have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough
- The full stay at home guidance for households with these symptoms can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

When will schools re-open?

Currently, we have do not know when schools will re-open but we will keep you updated regularly so that as a community we remain united and here to support the children of Dosthill Primary Academy.

During the next few days we will ensure that we continue to communicate with you regularly and answer any questions that you may have. Please could we ask that you direct these via phone or email to the school office rather than in person due to current demand and health measures in place at school in limiting external visitors to the building.

As these are unprecedented times, of which we have never experienced before, we greatly appreciate your support, kindness and understanding. Even though we will be working with you at distance over the next few weeks, the children and whole school community remain in our hearts.

Good health and warmest best wishes,

Mrs Claire Keay
Headteacher

Mrs Maria Hamblin
CEO Fierté Trust