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20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

## **EARLY YEARS CLOSURE AS OF 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

On Wednesday, the Prime Minister announced that all nurseries and schools must close to children with effect from this Friday afternoon, until further notice, as part of their plans to manage the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). This letter is based on the information currently available from the government. We expect further announcements and will advise you of any further developments as and when we get them.

Following government direction, we confirm that East Street Early Years will close with effect from the end of the day today, until further notice. We will continue to keep our website ([www.EastStreetEarlyYears.uk](http://www.EastStreetEarlyYears.uk)), Tapestry and our Facebook page up to date, including any information about the date of reopening, as and when that occurs.

We would like to make it clear that as an early years setting we are **officially closed**.

The decision has been made to stay open in a very limited capacity only to enable us to provide essential childcare for a tightly detailed list of key persons and vulnerable children, in accordance with government directives.

Further details for this list can be found at the following website page:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are classed as a key person, in accordance with the government's list, and do not have alternative childcare arrangements such as another parent/carer who is working at home, then we will endeavour to provide a place for your child. Places are strictly restricted so please only request a place if absolutely necessary. If you believe the above applies to you, please request and complete a key worker eligibility form and return it to the early years.

If you are working with a social care worker or have an Educational Health Care Plan you may fall under the vulnerable child category, please speak to a member of the senior management team.

For all those children whose parents/carers are not classified as key workers or are not vulnerable children, then unfortunately, the setting is closed until further notice.



We will keep in touch to the best of our ability and your child's key worker will do their best to send out educational plans via Tapestry so please make sure you are checking your tapestry account often.

We will be checking emails over the weekend, so please don't hesitate to get in contact with me at [Jemma.kerby@esey.uk](mailto:Jemma.kerby@esey.uk) if you need to discuss this any further

Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.

Please all look after yourselves and take care. If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to get in contact

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Kerby', is displayed within a light grey rectangular box.

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