



18th March 2020

Dear parents and carers

Following my earlier texts, I am confirming to you that Rufford will be closed from Thursday 19th March until further notice. This has not been a decision taken lightly, and is one I wished to avoid. The decision was made after conversations with the Chair of Governors and the Local Authority. The COVID-19 virus is proving to be a major concern for everyone, especially those with underlying health conditions. Government advice for everyone in a household to self-isolate; for the vulnerable to take extra precautions; and the closure of some schools and year groups locally mean that from tomorrow, there will not enough staff in school to open safely.

Your child is bringing home a pack of work for them to do while the school is closed. The sheets are available on the website in the Parents section, on a page called school closure activities. These online sheets have live links to other website for activities that your child can do during this enforced absence from school.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, you can come and collect two packed lunches from school tomorrow between 11 and 12.

As and when school reopens, you will be informed by text message.

Please do follow all Government guidance and advice and keep yourselves and your families safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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