



### Message from Mrs Waters

It is with a very heavy heart that we close our doors to our 270 wonderful, amazing little stars today. We know you are upset and we share this great sadness with you. The current issues we are experiencing are extremely worrying for us all and closing schools will, hopefully, help keep a lot more people safe and healthy.

We would like to say that we will see you before the end of this academic year but the reality is, we just don't know.

Whatever happens over the coming months though, please remember:

THE LIGHT OF DIS WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE...IT MAY DIM A LITTLE WITH LESS STARS, BUT WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE. HOLD ONTO HOPE, THE WORLD MAY NEVER BE THE SAME, BUT EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY.

On behalf of all staff and governors, I would like to thank you all for your support. Please take care of yourselves and of each other. Until we see you again....**KEEP DREAMING, BELIEVING and SHINING.**

Much love to all your families, Mrs Waters

### Website Resources

We will not be providing packs of printed activities instead we have created a new page on our website [www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk](http://www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk) This page has activities for EYFS, KS1 and children with SEND. Staff will be updating it on a regular basis. Reading books have been collected in from the children who have been in school this week if you still have a school reading book please keep it safe and sound. Watch out for the online video messages! If you have any queries please contact us either

- Via the contact page on the school website
- On the school office number 01733 566849
- Or via email at [rwaters@dogsthorpe-inf.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:rwaters@dogsthorpe-inf.peterborough.sch.uk)

### Keeping Healthy & Safe

The government have closed schools for a reason! Please DO follow the guidelines set:-

- Don't go out unless you absolutely need to
- Wash your hands very regularly for at least 20 seconds
- Clean surfaces, toys etc with antibacterial products
- Do not rely on vulnerable people ie grandparents for childcare

**To slow down this virus we must ALL work together to do this.**

### Foodbank Vouchers

The Foodbank were extremely grateful for the generous donations from our families which was delivered to them this week.

Reminder that the school is a Foodbank agency for our families. If you require a Foodbank voucher over the coming weeks please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Waters, Mrs Hibbert or Mrs Gardner. Your request will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

### Parentmail

We will be using Parentmail and our website to keep parents/carers informed of any updates relating to the current situation and when schools are allowed to re-open. Please make sure you check this regularly. If you have changed your phone number recently, your email address or have not yet registered on Parentmail please contact the school via the methods listed above as soon as possible so your information can be updated on our systems.

### School Meals

Some children will still qualify for a daily school meal even though they are not in school. Once we have further guidance on this from the government we will be in touch with the parents of children that qualify.

### Key Worker Information Reminder

As you know we have now been instructed to close the school to almost all children today until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. This was defined in the letter that was sent this morning.

**If you feel that you qualify as a Key Worker and you are not able to make alternative arrangements for your child please contact the school immediately.**