## WHEATFIELDS NURSERY ASSOCIATION FOR PRE SCHOOL EDUCATION

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Dear Parents/Guardians.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – NURSERY CLOSURE

Thank you for your continued support of the nursery in these challenging times. We are really pleased with how responsible the children have been with extra handwashing and taking care to make sure tissues are put in the bin. We are pleased to be able to say that this week it has been possible to employ additional relief staff to assist with increased cleaning and sanitising duties, to help with the extra attention to hygiene already being carried out by all staff.

As you may be aware, government announced yesterday evening that all schools and nurseries will close on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. We are obligated to follow this ruling and our doors will close until further notice at 3:25pm tomorrow.

If you believe yourself to be in the government's "key worker" category, the continuation of some provision may be available. Details are still being arranged, and the provision for children under school age was not confirmed in last night's announcement but if you believe this may apply to you please do make sure we know and we will make sure Cambridgeshire County Council are aware and your child may be able to access a temporary preschool place in a local primary school. We do not expect ourselves will be providing this.

We would like to be able to **keep in touch with parents during our closure**, so would we would really appreciate it if you could make sure we have an up to date email address or phone number.

We also understand that this closure comes at key time for our pre-schoolers especially, who would normally be preparing for starting school. The committee have agreed that the nursery can provide, **free of charge**, for all children, **a collection of activity books** to enable to you enjoy some literacy and numeracy activities at home. We will arrange for a bookshop to send these directly to your home address if we receive your permission.

Please complete the attached slip and drop into the box at nursery by Friday afternoon, or email treasurer.wheatfieldsnursery@outlook.com

Thank you,

**Wheatfields Committee** 

## **COVONAVIRUS NURSERY CLOSURE REPLY SLIP** Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ The best contact details to use during the closure are: Email I consent to these details being temporarily stored off-site from nursery whilst nursery is temporarily closed. FREE Home Learning Books for all nursery children Collins easy learning Collins easy learning Collins easy learning Collins easy learning Shape, colours Writing Numbers First phonics and patterns workbook umbrella r YES, I would like to receive a set of home learning books to the following address: I understand my address will be given to a mail order bookshop only for the purposes of them to post my books out to me. My details will not be otherwise used, stored and passed on to anyone else.

If you are unable to complete this form on paper and return to nursery before we close, please try to phone nursery before we close or email <a href="mailto:treasurer.wheatfieldsnursery@outlook.com">treasurer.wheatfieldsnursery@outlook.com</a> with the details as soon as you are able to. Thank you.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_