

## Beverley School

*A specialist school for children and young people with autism where staff and governors are fully committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of our pupils*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to tell you that we have made the decision to close Beverley School from tomorrow at 3.30pm. The decision has not been taken lightly. There have been lengthy discussions with the Chair of Governors, Helen Murphy, and the leadership team about the implications of such a closure but we have put the safety of our students, families and staff at the forefront of the decision.

This is an exceptional situation and we have considered first the vulnerability of our students based on the advice of Public Health England, as well as staff, for whom we have a duty of care. The advice for those with an underlying medical condition has already reduced our staffing significantly. In the coming weeks this will be unpredictable and our staffing ratios are and will be affected to an extent where we will be unsafe. We hope that we are also then playing our part in preventing the spread of the virus.

We are fully aware that our decision will affect families and the children themselves. We have already sent packs of work home with many of our students to keep them learning during the next few weeks. We are populating the website with additional learning links and this will be live from tomorrow. We will continue to update this during the coming weeks.

We will contact the families that we are working with most closely through Lisa Hyde's Family Liaison Work and you can contact us through the [office@beverleyschool.org.uk](mailto:office@beverleyschool.org.uk) link. Any enquiries will be answered as soon as possible. We will also have the text messaging service available to make contact with you as well populating the 'Friends of Beverley School' Facebook page. The website will also be updated.

We would like to thank parents for the support that has already been offered during this most difficult of times. It has been exceptional and we wish you and your families well. Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Joanne Smith



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