

# Seghill First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all managing to stay well and keep yourselves occupied and safe. We are in unprecedented times and the feeling of worry and uncertainty is very unsettling.

We have received some lovely emails including pictures of Easter egg designs and messages from children and their parents. Thank you for these. We have also seen some of you when you have been coming to school to collect your packed lunches.

As you are aware, we were open on Monday 23 March and expected 15 children. Due to a number of reasons, only one child attended. We agreed to close the school for 2 weeks on the basis that it was neither sustainable nor safe for staff to come in to school to look after one child.

In order to continue to provide care, we agreed that parents who required child care would be directed to Seaton Delaval First School. I have spoken to the headteacher, Mr Flitcroft, every day and I am not aware of any of our pupils going there during the last two weeks.

We are now reviewing the situation and looking to see if we need to re-open in order to provide care for families who are in any of the three categories defined by the government and listed below-

- Category 1 any pupil with an EHCP;
- Category 2 any pupil with an allocated social worker;
- Category 3 any pupil who is the child of a key worker.

We are aware of the children who have an **EHCP** or who have an **allocated social worker**. We know that some parents are **key workers**.

**If your child is in one of the three categories and you would like a place for your child from Monday 06 April, please leave a message on the answer machine or email school by noon tomorrow to confirm this**

[admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@seghill.northumberland.sch.uk) or 0191 237 0419.

Please note that we will provide care for your child from Monday 06 April as long as there are a required minimum number of children. If we have requests for a very small number of children, we will continue to stay closed and direct you to Seaton Delaval First School.

I realise that it is a very unsettling time for everyone, and especially those of you whose children do not fall in to any of the three categories. The arrangements we have had to put in place are in direct response to advice from the government and must be done to limit the spread of Coronavirus. If we were allowed to stay open to all pupils and this could be done safely, I assure you that we would.

The school office is closed. Please use the answer machine to leave messages. You can email us via the school admin email address. We will update our website and send out information via Parentmail if there are any changes to these arrangements.

I will write to you again tomorrow if you request a place for your child to confirm arrangements, which will depend on the number of replies that we receive.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding in this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell  
Headteacher