



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents,

After last night's announcement from the government, the preschool will be closing from 3pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but it is essential so we can protect our families and the wider community spreading the Coronavirus. We will be supporting parents who work in the vital key areas to provide child care so that they can continue working. The full list of these key workers will be announced by the government later today, at the moment it includes NHS workers, care workers, supermarket workers and delivery drivers. If you are one of these key workers and need child care provision please let me know by Friday morning so I can make staff arrangements. I understand this is a very unsettling and worrying time. If you need to contact us during the closure (in confidence) the preschool's emails will be checked.

During the closure you might also be interested in resources. I have made a list of useful resources you might find helpful while we are closed. In addition you can use parent zone which have also created useful resources which are easily accessible.

We are working towards preparing all our children for the next stage and encourage the children to be independent in their self-care and preparation for school. As we are unsure how long we will need to close for, you can look at our web site [cmbcpreschool.co.uk](http://cmbcpreschool.co.uk) then under parent information and tips for parents to find ways of getting your child more prepared. Especially important for children starting school in September to practice getting dressed and undressed, putting their coat and shoes on and off. We have also been concentrating on holding a pencil correctly, making controlled marks, letter sounds and number recognition. You can make this into a game and link it to their environment, door numbers, car number plate etc. I hope you find this information useful.

If you have already paid fees for the time while we will be closed the preschool will be deducing them from the next term invoice when we are reopened.

The church (True Life Baptist Church) have volunteers who may be able to assist you during this difficult time. The contact for this service will be on our web site alternatively you can call the preschool number between 10 am and 6pm to contact them.

Take Care,

Kind Regards

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### **Useful links for parents:**

- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown-a-guide-for-parents>
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>
- [www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)
- <https://google.co.uk/amp/s/www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/amp/t-he-770-free-home-education-resources-sample-pack>
- <https://www.google.co.uk/amp/.s/www.kiro7.com/news/.trending/coronavirus-learning-resources-kids-home-school/.5TSTZSDKWNGV3HR4KF5YMVXQ34/%3foutputType=amp>