



Stower Vale Pre-school

Where learning through play is fun

**Woodville
Gillingham
Dorset
SP8 5LX
Tel: 01747 839942**

19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the guidance set out by the UK Government in response to the Covid-19 Coronavirus outbreak Stower Vale Preschool will close, until further notice, at 3pm on Friday 20th March 2020.

We will be continually reviewing the situation and closely following all recommendations and instructions from the health officials. We will update parents of any developments relating to the Preschool via email.

There are a number of professionals that have been identified by the UK Government as 'keyworkers' and we will, as instructed, offer support to any families that fall within those categories and feel they need childcare support during this time.

If you identify your profession with any from the list below and need our support please do not hesitate to speak, in confidence, to Claire Rainger at the Preschool.

- National Health Service Staff
- Armed Forces
- Teachers/Childcare Staff
- Social Workers
- Police Officers including Community Support Officers
- Prison Officers and probation staff
- Firefighters
- Local Authority Planners
- Environmental Health Officers
- Highway Agency Staff.

If you feel your child, due to SEN or if they receive Pupil Premium, requires support from Preschool during this time, please do not hesitate to speak to Claire.

We request that all items of children's personal belongings are removed from the preschool as soon as possible and taken home to be washed. If your child is not attending the setting tomorrow, you can call to arrange the collection of these items and staff will ensure individual children's belongings are stored appropriately until they are collected. During the time that the setting is closed we will be carrying out an intensive 'deep clean' and the removal of children's belongings forms part of this.

We understand what an uncertain and stressful time this is for us all and want to reassure families that we are working hard to ensure we can support you, if you feel you need us.

I will update you with any developments as soon as I can, in the meantime take care and do not hesitate to contact the Preschool, or speak with me, if you have any questions or concerns.

I am contactable at chair@stowervalepreschool.co.uk

Kind regards

Sam Wattridge

Chairperson