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Dear Parents and Carers

### School Closure

As you will be aware, following the announcement from the government, all schools, including Lydalls Nursery School and Chameleon Club, closed last Friday until further notice.

The government have asked schools to make childcare available for key workers and vulnerable children. We wrote to all of our parents and followed up with phone calls to those we knew might qualify as key workers and who would potentially need childcare. At the moment none of our key worker families have requested our help to provide childcare to enable them to continue to work. If you are a key worker and your situation with childcare changes and your children are no longer able to be safely cared for at home, please contact the school via the office email address, or call the school mobile phone: 07557311768.

We have directly contacted some additional families who the government recognised schools would want to support and have invited them to two sessions on a Tuesday Morning 9am-12pm and a Thursday afternoon 12.30pm-3.30pm. Please only come to these sessions if you have been contacted by us to invite you.

We are keeping the situation under constant review and will inform you of any changes.

The staff here at Lydalls remain here for you and your children during this time where we cannot all be together. Group leaders will be messaging you on Tapestry to check-in and will be available to talk to here if you need advice or ideas. Claire-Louise has also begun adding some story-time videos to Tapestry and will be adding some simple phonics sessions too. I will be in contact with you in the next few days with further information about how we will be supporting you with ideas to keep children learning and busy at home.

You can contact me directly via the school email address ([office.1017@lydalls-nurs.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.1017@lydalls-nurs.oxon.sch.uk)) or the school mobile phone (07557311768).

We appreciate all the support you have already shown to our school during this time and have been moved by all the wonderful comments and messages of appreciation. We will miss seeing you all at school every day. Whilst we do not know when schools will be able to reopen, we will make sure that if this is after some children leave to start primary school, there is an opportunity for us all to meet up and say goodbye properly. If this is the case, we will also be in contact with advice about preparing children for the transition to school.

On behalf of the entire team at Lydalls, I wish you all the best of health as we move forwards in these extraordinary times. Please look after each other, keep updated on the government guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>) and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you when schools are able to reopen.

Best wishes,

Sarah Phillips  
Headteacher



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