

Dear parents/carers

Sunday 22nd March - Update

Further details <https://www.rainbownurseryschool.co.uk/covid-19>

Our parent notification form <https://forms.gle/CueTwBqW7XCHeQy5A>

- From Monday 23rd March we will only be open to provide care to the children where at least one member of the household is a key worker (as defined by the government, see guidance notes below), and/or to children classed as vulnerable.
- If you have told us you fit into that category you should already have received confirmation from us. If you do think you are and do need childcare and haven't told us, complete our parent notification form asap.
- The message from the government is clear, if you can keep your children at home do so, but we have to keep the country functioning, and we have to keep high risk members of society safe. Please think about the risks of enrolling grandparents over 70 years old, or anyone with an at risk underlying medical condition as defined by the government into your interim childcare arrangements. If you are not key workers and have no viable childcare options without relying elderly or at risk people our proposed Nanny Service may be available but we will need to prioritise and it will be limited to staff availability. Please let us know asap.
- We will operate through the day, and wraparound care for school age children of key workers as normal for our existing customers, as requested by them, or as required by North Yorkshire Council. We have offered our services to NYCC in this regard.
- We believe we have a moral obligation to continue to provide care for key worker children. The definition is broad but not defined by us, and central within are front line staff who are caring for the people who are ill with this disease. Just as they are exposing themselves to higher risks by caring for the sick, our practitioners are exposing themselves to higher risks by caring for their children, so they can continue in their jobs. Please be respectful of our efforts to protect our practitioners by following the guidelines are additional procedures we have and will put in place.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

Karl and Harriet Shields

Directors