

Title: Covid-19 Update for Key Workers

Dear Parent/Carer

The government has now published the list of those who are eligible to still send their children to school during the closures if absolutely necessary. They ask that we follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

We all have a responsibility to limit unnecessary social contact so please can I re-emphasise the first and last points in the list above.

The main government advice to everyone in the country is that we should all try to stay at home and wash our hands regularly. I strongly suggest that if it is safe to keep your child at home and supervise/look after them yourself during the school closure then you do so. Right now their health, and your health, is the most important thing.

In order for me to plan staffing and purposeful activities for the following three weeks please can you complete the booking form to indicate when your child's attendance would be essential in order for you to continue working in your key role.

The school day will begin and end as normal (8:45-3:05) and will be divided into three 90 minute sessions with a short break and a longer break for lunch. The canteen will be serving food during the lunch break albeit with reduced choices. As there may be a need to support children from other schools, it will be non-uniform to ensure that everyone feels as though they belong. County transport will be running buses as normal on Monday and will review their service once demand is known.

The full guidance is outlined via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Many thanks for your continued support at this challenging time.

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