



School Closure Update

Dear Families,

Following the updated information provided by the Government yesterday evening, all schools will close from the end of tomorrow (Friday 20 March 2020).

We are now working on plans to keep the school open from Monday 23rd March 2020 for the students specified by the Government. This was defined as:

- Students with social workers
- Students with an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan)
- Students who are the children of parents/carers who are key workers (examples given were NHS staff, police and delivery drivers).

For this group, the provision will be available for children of single parents/carers who are key workers or for students where both parents/carers are key workers and there is no alternative childcare available. In situations where one parent is a key worker and one is not, it is expected that the non-key worker will care for their child/children at home.

In these unprecedented circumstances, only a small number of staff will be available to supervise students, as staff will also need to minimise risks to themselves and their own families. In order to support us in preparing a plan, please can any parents who wish to send their child/children into school following the closure on Friday **complete the google form here:** <https://forms.gle/NDfPUejfrj9FTSb6A> (link also available on our school website and school app).

We will need to know the number of students who will be in school in order to make appropriate contingency plans, therefore we require a response as soon as possible. **The admin team will contact those parents that fall into the key worker category tomorrow** to discuss what provisions need to be made. We aim to operate normal school hours (8:45am-3pm) as well as before and after school sports clubs where possible, but there may be variances to normal provision if there are low numbers of children attending. We will work as quickly as possible to contact everyone that falls into the key worker category, and ask for patience whilst these calls are made.

The Government has not yet provided a definition of key worker and therefore by providing us with the detail requested in the google form we will be able to check against the criteria once we receive it. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to teach normal lessons. These children will be supervised by a member of staff (teaching or support) and will access the same materials for self-study as those working at home.

There are lots of activities for learning at home on our **school app** (which is free to download) and will soon be on our **school website** (see <https://www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com/page/?title=Learning+From+Home&pid=1038>). Thank you for your patience with this.

Please see our school website for further useful resources such as positive mental health and wellbeing. Please visit www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this challenging time for us all.

Yours sincerely,

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