



Care provision from Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Families,

Today, school staff have been working hard to follow the guidance regarding school opening for:

- Vulnerable children (with a social worker)
- Children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)
- Children whose parents fall within the Key worker category.

However, we have also considered with parents that **"if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend."** It is important to remember that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. Please also remember that school staff are being put at risk too if children attend school that do not need to.

We have spent the day contacting families that responded to the google form we have set up to ensure that appropriate provision is in place. Please note that, if you have not responded to the google form, children may not be able to attend on Monday 23rd March even if you do fall into the Key worker group. I urge you all to **complete this form as soon as possible** so that we can ensure appropriate provision is in place and that no child is turned away if it is absolutely necessary for them to attend. We will be operating a **skeleton staff during this time**, and also need to ensure that the correct adult-to-child ratios are in place.

For children coming into school as of **Monday 23rd March 2020**, the following precautions **MUST** be taken:

- Children to **wear their own clothes** that are comfortable and appropriate for daily PE activities, **fresh on that day** – we recommend putting these clothes straight in the washing machine once your child has returned home from school to minimize and control the spread of infection.
- Parents/carers provide the school with **up-to-date contact information** for family members should your child become poorly/exhibit symptoms of COVID-19.
- School staff must **register your child in and out of the building** by someone who either has parental responsibility or has been nominated by yourselves, as long as you are all fit and exhibiting no signs of COVID-19.
- If you become unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, you must **immediately contact school** and arrange for collection of your child (in line with self-isolation guidance from the Government).
- **Social distancing must be enforced** whilst your child is not in school if we are to prevent/minimize the spread of infection (even if you think you don't have COVID-19).
- School must be informed if **you no longer fall within the key worker category or you have been asked to self-isolate.**
- Thorough handwashing to take place at home **just before leaving the home.**
- Children must be dropped off at 8:45am and picked up at 3pm **at the main office only** unless you have requested and arranged separate extended service provision with the school.

The guidance regarding self-isolation if your child or any member of your family have either a new persistent cough or a temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher are still in effect. If the new symptoms worsen please call NHS 111 for advice, or if you require emergency care, please call 999. It is incredibly important that we all do what we can to slow the spread of this virus. Please continue to follow Government advice. I will continue to update you all regularly as I have done throughout this challenging time. Thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Claire Stringer
Headteacher