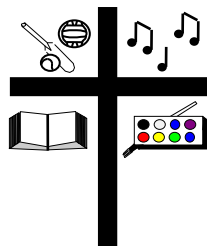


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Dear Parents and carers,

It is sad that we are in this position again and it is with a heavy heart that I send you this email. Please know that it is sent with the utmost concern for all our school community and keeping everyone safe with the increase in transmission and infection rates.

As before, based on the guidance, **it is crucial that all parents should endeavour to keep their children at home safely.** The purpose of closing schools is to support 'social distancing' and the most recent advice is to stay at home wherever possible. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk at this crucial time of a national emergency. Please abide by this for the safety of everyone.

Please refer to the Government's new lockdown guidance which can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Further to last night's announcement, please find the below information for keyworker provision and remote learning.

Key Workers

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, our school staff are committed to providing childcare whilst you are at work during school hours.

Clearly the onus is on providing care for those considered key workers. We must also remember that there are reasons school has been closed and that eligibility should be for those key workers for whom there is no alternative care at home. We therefore ask that you only apply for this if you really need to use it. The guidance on who counts as keyworkers is available via this link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR1oG_uLQ7yfcZ6s4O7nDO22H-JmaCvUtnKazXXLCRbAHLs_M5ziS4iyHx4

Children who are eligible to still attend school will not be required to wear school uniform, but we would ask where possible that they wear clean clothes each day.

Children attending school should arrive dropped off and picked up at the following staggered times:

Drop off - all Key Stage 2 pupils 8.50am; all Key stage 1 pupils: 9am

Pick up – all Key Stage 2 pupils 3.10pm; all Key stage 1 pupils 3pm

Breakfast and After School Club Provision

If you are a Key Worker, whose work is critical to the Coronavirus response and you require wrap around childcare to enable you to do your job, please let us know as soon as possible, stating the days and sessions that you would require childcare. Once numbers are known we will be able to inform you if we are able to provide the childcare or not.

Remote Learning

We will endeavour to have this in place to some extent tomorrow and information is available on the school website. We will send a further correspondence about our remote learning later today and continue to update with any adaptations.

Free School Meals/School Meals/Snack

If your child is eligible for a free school meal (not to be confused with Universal Infant Free School meals for KS1 pupils) and is not in school, we are able to provide a food parcel containing ingredients and simple recipes for 5 days of meals. The recipe leaflet can be found on our school website under 'Parent Zone > School Dinners'. If you would like to take advantage of this please email the school office.

If you are a Key Worker and your child is attending school lunches will continue as usual. Lunch boxes will need to be wipeable, washable and clean daily, or disposable.

Snacks will be available as usual for children permitted to attend school. Please bring snack money (30p per day) in a sealed, labelled envelope for the week.

We will of course, remain in communication over the coming days and do all we can to support our children and their families. Please don't hesitate to contact us for any support we are here to help.

Yours sincerely

Heather Bettley
Head teacher