

Dear Parents/Carers

As yet, we have not received clarification regarding the school closures that start after tomorrow. I know local authority personnel are busy meeting today and that schools will be contacted once everything had been sorted. In such complicated circumstances I am sure you can understand that this process is not a quick and easy one!

What we do know at the moment

School is closed starting on Monday 23rd March apart from in the circumstances below:

- If both parents are classed as key workers you may need your child to come to school (e.g. NHS staff, armed forces, teachers and child care staff, care home workers, social workers, police officers, prison officers, fire fighters, supermarket delivery drivers). The children of single parents who are key workers will be able to attend school.
- If your child has a social worker, he/she can attend school.
- If your child has an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), he/she can attend school.

What we still need clarification about

- **We are not sure if the key worker list is fully accurate; the list may be extended to include other roles.**
- **Whilst we know that the Government is to make provision for children in receipt of free school meals, we don't as yet know how this will happen.**

What we will provide at school for those attending

- As now, breakfast club (starting 7.30am) and Kidszone after school club (till 6pm) will be available.
- The school day for those attending school will include some consolidation work and some practical and fun activities. Wherever possible, children will be encouraged to be outside in the fresh air.
- School lunches will be provided if required but, due to some foods being unavailable, menus may well be adapted at short notice.

Home working packs

Today we are sending children home with a pack of work, and suggested online activities, that they can do over the coming weeks. From Monday there will also be a link on the front page of our website for you to access year group formation. If school remains closed after Easter, further activities/work will be posted on the website. We will send you a text to notify you when it is available.

In addition to the work packs, it is important that children get some exercise during the time that they are unable to attend school e.g. a walk, playing in the garden, Zumba in the living room, Wii Fit activities etc.

If your child is not in school today, and will not be attending tomorrow, home packs can be collected from school from 9.15am to 3pm tomorrow. We are aware that a small number of families are self-isolating; if this is the case, please try to send a representative to collect the pack for your child.

Thank you.

The packs contain consolidation work so that children become secure with the concepts and knowledge they have learned so far. Those children attending school full time are not expected to do work from the home pack unless they would like to.

Next steps

We will be establishing which children need to be in school so we can ensure safe staffing levels. This will depend on clarification regarding keyworker roles. **You will be contacted tomorrow about this so please keep a close eye on the app for messages from school.**

Thank you for not overwhelming us with phone calls today. Until you receive the above message, please refrain from ringing school unless you are reporting an absence for tomorrow or need to contact a staff member for something specific. This will help us greatly. Thanks for your on-going understanding at this tremendously difficult time.

My staff have been amazing over the last few days and we are all very upset about how the school year has been seriously disrupted. We will miss the children very much but the health of all of us is the greatest priority right now so we just have to crack on and do our very best, which we will!

Take care everyone.

LJ Laird

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