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UPDATE PARTIAL CLOSURE AT MAY PARK FROM 23RD March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience at this difficult time. May Park will be partially closed from Monday 23rd March to all except the children of key workers and those who are most vulnerable. **All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards until further notice.**

Key Workers

Last night the government published the list of 'key occupations' that are prioritised for educational provision from Monday. The list is certainly more extensive than we had initially anticipated and as a result we are unable to accommodate any additional children on site. The government has stressed the need for parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. To key workers we would stress that **you should only send your child to school if there is no safe alternative. This is the first principle of the government guidance. Provision in school is the last resort (ASCL, 2020).** The list of key worker professions can be found by following the link below:

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

Vulnerable Children

We are also supporting our "vulnerable children". The Department for Education defines this group as children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

Free School Meals

As our school is partially open our kitchen staff are able to continue to provide a free school meal for our children. Sadie and the team will be making **5 Day Packed Lunches** for collection on site on Monday 23RD March.

Once again, thank you for all of the best wishes and support we have received from you our wonderful community. I will continue to update you via the website and will be contacting families that qualify for the above directly.

Yours faithfully,

Miss V N Spence

Principal

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