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School Closure COVID-19 update

Dear Parents

The Prime Minister closed all schools from today but as of Monday at present with our current staffing levels we can partial open from 8.30-3.30pm for the children of key workers and vulnerable children (this includes those who have a social worker and have Education, Health and Care Plans who are not already self-isolating). This provision will only support key worker's shift pattern when required, eg. if you only work Tuesday & Friday this is when you would access the school.

We expect the children to have had their breakfast before they arrive and be dropped off at the main office and the only access will be from the gate next to the school bungalow. All other entrances to school will be locked. We will only be using the Early Unit, Oak classroom and the Early years outdoor area as our base. This will keep the rest of the school clean as we do not have a caretaker.

We will also be providing a hot meal for these children but this may differ from our usual menus, if the situation in our kitchen changes pupils may be expected to bring a packed lunch. School milk and fruit has been stopped but we will also provide a drink and a snack.

Uniform:

Please ensure all children who are attending school during this time wear their normal school uniform, thank you.

Key workers means both parents and includes:

- National Health Service, including doctors, nurses, midwives and paramedics
- Armed forces
- Teachers and childcare staff
- Care home workers
- Social workers
- Police officers, community support, civilian staff
- Prison officer or other probation staff
- Firefighters
- Local authority planners
- Environmental health officers
- Highway Agency traffic officers
- Supermarket workers
- Delivery drivers
- Infrastructure workers, such as gas and electricity



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Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. Thankyou for those parents who have decided to keep their children at home and stay safe.

Free school meal (Pupil Premium) families will also be receiving some support from school, this will be shared with you at the end of today. For next week it is will be a packed lunch to collect from the kitchen if you have ordered one today. We are working with the Co-op online to try and provide vouchers for families but please be patient while we sort this out.

As a school we will be continuing to follow all government guidelines on a day to day basis. If our situation changes with our staff and we do not have enough then this may lead to a full closure for our own well-being and families. From Monday we hope to have enough staff in place to facilitate this.

The parish council are offering support in the village for all families who are self-isolating if they are requesting assistance with shopping or medication:

Contact Numbers – Parish 07391548264 and Gareth Tait 07811130808.

A massive thank you for all your foodbank donations today which will be distributed in the community where needed.

Refunds:

Sorry at present we cannot refund visit money or swimming money at present as no cash is held in school as it is all banked every Wednesday.

As far as the residential this will be reviewed after the Easter break. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Home learning:

Packs have already been sent out to those parents who requested a paper version. Electronic copies have been shared on class Do-jo for all those who are currently self-isolating. It is the staff's intention to share daily learning tasks with the children via Class Dojo and school 360 as of Monday .

Several parents have enquired about receiving additional reading books however this cannot be resourced. Luckily, Oxford Owl, our phonics provider, have released a large proportion of online reading materials which we will be sharing log in details to on class dojo.

Please, as always, contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

The school, governors and staff will continue to work tirelessly to do the best we can for all our families in this difficult situation.

Stay Safe

Mrs L Laskey
Head teacher