



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear parents

This morning, by text message, you were directed to the latest update from the Trust today on the school's website. The letter contains a list of Key workers who are able to access childcare provision at the school. This has been done in accordance to the government's guidelines that:

"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."

We have also followed these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.

If your child is attending school.

School will operate as a childcare setting therefore we do not expect children to wear school uniform. They will need to wear comfortable and practical clothing as well as bringing in their PE kit.

For the first day we will endeavour to feed any pupil that needs a meal. It may be a packed lunch. The kitchen staff are doing all they can to be prepared for the coming weeks.

The school day is as per normal 9.00am – 3.15pm. Should you require wrap-around-care, breakfast and after school clubs, please contact the school office.

If your child is at home.

Teachers have worked really hard to ensure that the 'Home Learning' pages on the school's website are full of a variety of resources, activities, website links and learning ideas. Please utilise these resources to minimise the impact of being away from school and also to make the home learning experience as pleasurable as it can be. Should you have any difficulty accessing these resources then please notify the school.

Please record any work pupils are carrying out in a notebook. These can be made available on request at school.

We do not know how long this situation will last. Should your circumstances change and you are in need of childcare, please contact the school.

We wish you all the best in these trying times.

Yours sincerely

Dan Clayden

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