

20 March 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

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**School closed from Friday 20th March**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers>

Please see the link above for detailed guidance regarding school closures that was issued by the government **last night**. This includes a further link to the list of those that the government has classed as key workers and as stated in the guidance, only one parent needs to be a key worker. Due to this last minute change, we now need to reassess numbers so that we can ensure adequate provision.

**If you think you need childcare because you fall into one of these categories, please complete the new survey below as a matter of urgency. If you do not fall into one of these categories or do not need any childcare cover then do not complete this survey.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zj4tu2SEbE6iPYWImaYL-iJWoj2viChFk1TgZig5Z5UNzFBOUpBVkRaOEdZSDhVWFRMQzZMQTYwSi4u>

Can I please stress that this service should **only be used** to provide critical childcare cover and you should only be sending your children in as a **last resort**. Children who attend this service will not be receiving their normal curriculum delivery, this is emergency childcare only. Apart from hospitals, schools are now the only place where large groups gather. This obviously brings an increased risk to all concerned. We need to ensure that all of our staff and children are protected wherever possible, so that we can continue to provide this vital emergency service for those eligible.

The government guidance makes it clear that **'every child who can be safely cared for at home should be'**. Please ensure you know where your child is at all times and observe the guidance around social distancing. This is key to ensure the spread of this **deadly virus is minimised**. If anyone in the household becomes ill with symptoms of the virus you must follow the protocols for self-isolation seeking medical support as necessary.

If you think that your child is eligible for a place and you want your child to attend under these difficult circumstances, please arrive at school at their usual time. During the school day on Monday, staff will be available to provide clarity on eligibility moving forward. Schools will be providing detailed information about opening hours, charges for wraparound (before and after school provision) on a site by site basis so please continue to look out for further communication regarding this.

As a trust, we will consider making provision over Easter for children of key workers only. If this is possible, it is envisaged that this will be chargeable and may not operate across all schools.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support at this time of unprecedented challenge and would urge you to keep up to date with the latest advice and guidance available.

Yours sincerely



**Kate Brunt**  
CEO

Public Information

Links to all the latest advice and guidance on the Worcestershire County Council website at:  
<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

Latest advice from the Government

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Advice for Education Establishments

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline

Now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

