



## School closure

from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

It is important to remember that schools are closed to prevent the spread of the virus throughout our community and that you should only consider sending your child in for emergency care if absolutely necessary, even if you are a key worker. We will work to support those parents whose roll is **vital** in helping the country combat this virus.

As you may have already seen the Government has published a list of those jobs that are regarded as **vital** in the continuing fight against the Covid-19 virus.

### **For the children of key workers**

From Monday we will operate breakfast club and after school club so that the school is open from 8:00 am until 6:00pm five days a week. A hot meal/Jacket potato will be available each day to purchase through Parentpay for those who want them or they are welcome to bring a packed lunch. Children who attend school will be expected to complete the same work tasks as those remaining at home. Children will not be taught lessons as they normally are, this is emergency care and age groups may be mixed and activities varied.

- Children do not need to attend for the whole day
- Children do not need to wear school uniform
- They will need to bring warm outdoor coats
- They will need any learning pack their teacher may have already sent home for them.
- There will be a Key Worker booking form on the website we would like you to complete as soon as possible to ascertain numbers for each week.

You may use part of our emergency care to suit your shifts-whenever possible you should have your child at home. Children are not required to stay for the whole day.

If staff levels fall below a certain point school may have to close even for this emergency care provision and the local authority will direct you to another local facility.

If you are thinking of sending your child please bear in mind that they will be in contact with other children and adults and should only do so as a last resort.

We will provide emergency care to children of parents who are listed below

- Nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff
- Nursery, teaching staff and social workers
- Those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery
- Police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel
- Those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response
- Staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response

**If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service**



**Any further queries please contact the school on 01827 429011**

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