

22nd March 2020

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) - UPDATE No.1

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We will be posting a daily update of the situation in our schools to try to keep you up to date. Please read the information below.

General

It is clear from the latest guidance that where possible the safest place for all of us to be is at home, self-isolating and that we all need to follow the guidance on social distancing and not treat time at home as a 'holiday' in which our children can go out freely to play with their friends.

Schools

Where possible our schools will stay open for **some** children as long as we have the staff and the leaders in order to operate safely. The situation will be reviewed every morning. We currently have only around 40% of our staff in school and we think this is going to reduce very quickly.

Monday 23rd March:

- We have telephoned all families who are keyworkers who are NOT self-isolating and made arrangements.
- We have either telephoned or sent a text to families of our more vulnerable pupils who are NOT self-isolating and offered a place for Monday although transport is not guaranteed.
- If you have not heard from us, unfortunately we do not think we have capacity for your child on Monday.

Our schools will be open as a priority for:

- Children where one or more parent or carer is a key worker
- Children who have been identified as being more vulnerable at home than at school. The criteria for this is linked to involvement with the multi-agency team including social care.

If we have enough staff capacity to have more children in then we will look at this on an individual basis in discussion with families. Currently this picture looks different for each school.

Transport is an issue and we are working with the local authority to try to get a joint system set up

Schools meals will be available for those attending school. For children on free school meals who are not in school, each local authority is trying to set up a system to manage this. Some families already have vouchers. We will keep you updated as we hear more.

Activities/work to keep your children occupied

In school we will be running a mixture of the core curriculum and creative, practical activities.

On our websites we are posting lots of ideas and resources for you to use.

Our Key Stage 4 pupils at Redwood Park have packs being delivered to their homes. For Littlegreen Key Stage 4 pupils these have been posted.

Communication

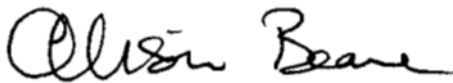
We will text you every day.

We will send emails for those of you who have given us your email addresses. Please send them by replying to our texts if you haven't already.

We will telephone all families of children not in school at least once a week to see how you are.

We will post information on our websites daily.

Kind regards



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