



Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Parent/ Carers,

As we continue to manage the very complicated times we find ourselves in, we wanted to give an update from both schools.

Currently we are contacting parents of key workers to discuss their needs. Everyone is trying very hard to keep children at home to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The children who do come into school will be looked after in a 'child care' capacity. This will look very different from normal school, especially managing the social distancing that we are all being advised to follow. Our staff are being used on a rota system to provide this emergency cover for as long as we can. Similar to the wider population, the number of staff who are becoming unwell and/or self-isolating grows daily.

If a place is confirmed for your child – Important Information:

The junior children in school will follow a broadly similar programme to that suggested online for the children that are working from home. In the case of the infant school, the provision will be child care and play based activities which are more loosely structured.

A substantial part of the day's activities may be outside so children will need weather appropriate clothing. When you drop off /collect your child, please practise 'social distancing' e.g. 2m away from other children and adults. Children must also learn and apply techniques of social distancing with their friends in and out of school. This is useful to go through with them: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51861111>. We will also be taking children's and staff temperatures as they arrive in school and during the day if we feel this is necessary. On drop off, all parents will be required to sign a disclaimer to disclose if any member of their family have symptoms of COVID-19 or are self-isolating.

Children who receive FSM but are not in school:

Providing free school meals for children not in school, is being done by the packed lunch drops we proposed on 20th March. This will begin from **Tuesday 24th March. Infant collection will be 10am-11am and Juniors collection 11am-12 Noon.** If you have children in both schools, you only need to attend one of these slots. We are aware this is not currently ideal, as many people do not want to come and collect a packed lunch. This is something we are discussing with our caterers and the local authority to try to find the best possible, workable solution.

Please check the websites of both school for further updates.

Best wishes

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