

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Update On The Emergency Measures Being Effectd In Relation To The COVID 19 Pandemic

It is clear that we are now in unprecedented times and facing some challenging circumstances in the coming weeks and months. Your support through these times is much appreciated.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

It is important to underline that schools and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. However the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the Coronavirus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

With this in mind, **if it is essential** that your child attends school from Monday 23rd March the following circumstances will apply:

1. The school will open at 08:40 and close to all the children at 15:00 promptly
2. All students excepting those who have Free School Meals will need to bring their own food and drinks.
3. Free School Meals children will be able to collect a packed meal each day from our servery but this will be cold food as we are unable to make a hot food offer.
4. Students need not wear uniform. However, clothes and footwear must be suitable for a school environment and be appropriately durable, modest and practical.
5. Students will not follow their "normal" timetable and will, by and large, be completing pre-set work, under supervision, using online learning methods. They will be supervised but we are unable to provide our usual high quality teaching due to staffing restrictions and matters of practicality.
6. Some physical activity will be planned into the emerging new school day. Students should, therefore, bring PE kit each day in the first instance as well as usual school equipment; pens, pencils etc.
7. We will be carefully supervising breaks and mealtimes to ensure that government advice about peer to peer interaction is not breached and "large gatherings" cannot prevail.
8. **If your child is not attending because you are not a key worker and they do not belong to a priority vulnerability cohort, then they must not come onto the school site and put others at risk. Any student doing so will be deemed to be trespassing as their provision has been suspended. You will be required to come to the school and collect them immediately.**

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Below is a link to an electronic form and our only opportunity to gather information on our key workers children and us to plan emergency care. If you feel that you are included in the government list of key workers or your child has a EHCP or social worker. Please note that this form will be closed at 5.00pm on Saturday 21st March.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TCCOVID19>

Further information will be sent to you in the coming days as our plans become more solid and we receive advice from our MAT and other organisations.

I sincerely hope that you all remain well and healthy.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Jones', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Jones
Principal