

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am pleased to provide you with an update regarding school opening over the next four weeks. Please note that school will be closed to all pupils on Good Friday 10th April and Easter Monday 13th April.

Supporting the national effort

We are very keen to help with national effort to overcome this virus. It is a privilege to stand alongside key workers on the front line. I am sure you will appreciate it has been very complicated to put these arrangements in place at very short notice. Please keep an eye on ParentMail and our Facebook page. School staff may need to self-isolate, or may become ill over the next month. This may result in us limiting provision or, in extreme circumstances, force us to close school. However we are being positive and optimistic and we will try to remain open.

For those of you whose children are not attending school from Monday, any issues regarding learning should be addressed via SeeSaw with your child's teacher. All eligible teachers are doing some contact days in school. This means that they cannot necessarily respond to comments or questions or your child's work on the same day.

Vulnerable Families

If you or your child fall into this category, you will have already been contacted by Mrs. Bish. Schooling will be provided for your child for the next two weeks, until the end of term on Friday 3rd April. From this date, the normal Easter Break will apply for your children.

Children of Key Workers

Thank you for your application for a place for your child. We are pleased to confirm that we have accepted almost all the applications received on ParentMail over the last 24 hours (if your application falls *outside* the government list we will be contacting you today). Your child will be able to access school between the hours of 9am and 3pm for the next two weeks. In addition, over the Easter period child care will be provided in school from Monday 6th April – Thursday 10th April and again, from Tuesday 14th April – Friday 18th April. The same hours will apply, 9am – 3pm. School will close altogether on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

However, please note the government guidance which states “...the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asks schools to remain open only to those children who *absolutely need to attend.*”

Arrangements for Bringing Your Child to School

On the morning of Monday 6th April we would ask you to bring your child to school via the usual gate. We will need you to identify which days you need cover for by filling in a brief form. This will help us to plan staffing.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals they will be provided with a school packed lunch. Otherwise, please send your child to school with a packed lunch, a labelled bottle with water or squash in and a snack for play time.

Your child will need a PE kit every day, including for the Easter childcare sessions.

We will arrange the children by age into 3 classes.

Free School Meals

If your child is currently eligible for a free school meal and is not due to attend school from Monday 23rd March, a grab bag containing a sandwich & dessert will be available at school reception for collection between the hours of 11am – 1pm during the period 23rd March – 3rd April. In order that school does not unnecessarily waste food, please can you kindly advise us if you will require a sandwich for your child/ren.

What do I do if my child is ill?

We will be registering the children everyday so it is vital if either your plans have changed or your child is ill to let us know. In particular, you must inform us immediately if any of your household has symptoms of Covid-19.

What Should my Child Wear?

In the next two weeks, your child should attend school in their normal school uniform. However, key workers' children accessing child care during the Easter break can wear comfortable, casual clothing.

Thank you for your understanding and good luck for the coming weeks.