



23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Updates

Thank you for completing your forms this morning which helps us to identify keyworkers and to plan for staffing at school as we are aiming to open with a skeleton staff to ensure their safety in these challenging times. Thank you to parents who are bringing their children in on a part time basis linked to your work patterns when there is no other alternative for childcare or for your child to remain at home.

The Government strongly advise if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why they have 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.

If you have no choice but to send your child to us, please read the following so you understand the measures we have put in place so that we can run as smoothly and safely as possible. Like you, as frontline workers, we are committed to playing our part, but we must all minimise risks wherever possible.

1. We are no longer following a normal school day. The day here will look very different.
2. Children should only attend for the days that are essential while you carry out your frontline key work.
3. Entry to school: the gate by EYFS and the gate by the main entrance should be used to enter the premises at the start and end of the day. Please take them to the entrance identified for their year group.
4. Children collected early should leave by the main entrance.
5. If you are using Parkland Rangers, please drop off and collect at the usual place for the time being.
6. We will confirm your childcare needs on a weekly basis. We may ask for evidence of critical worker status; if needs be, this can be an employer's email or phone number.
7. Once children are in school, we will be practising social distancing as much as possible. This will be tricky with little ones, but we have additional hygiene measures in place to minimise risk. Please talk to your child as an ongoing conversation about keeping distance where possible. It is unrealistic to think children won't come into contact and we still want to have as calm and pleasant a time as possible; preparing your children at home will support this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for working with us during this challenging time.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs S Bishop