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Thursday, 19 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Wingrave Pre-School and Wingrave CE School

You will now know that the Government have directed schools to close at the end of this week until further notice, except for those children who are considered vulnerable or whose parents are key workers.

Whilst the details and timescale of this remain uncertain, our priority remains the children's development and how we can support you as parents in all settings.

Following a joint meeting of pre-school and school leadership this morning we now have an initial plan in place however, this is subject to further official guidance, pupil numbers and staffing which are not yet clear. In particular we are awaiting a specific definition from the Government on who they consider to be key workers. We also appreciate that some families will choose to self-isolate or simply decide not to make use of the provision on offer.

Currently, our plan is:

- To provide basic but structured care for those specific children in pre-school 9am to 3pm, Tuesday to Thursday, and in school between 8.45am and 3.15pm, Monday to Friday.
- To explore provision in the school during what was the Easter holiday period as requested by the Secretary of State for Education in support of key worker parents.
- To halt all additional before or after-school provision so that we can focus on the children who will remain in our care for this extended period, and limit unnecessary movement and health risks in school for children, parents and staff.
- To provide a selection of activities and projects to support parents with their children at home to maintain some ongoing learning. Details of this will be provided in a separate communications.

In order to facilitate provision for all at this difficult time, please can parents continue to inform us:

- If you meet a specific criteria to the best of your knowledge so far – we will be making no assumptions.
- If you do not intend to make use of our provision as you can make alternative childcare arrangements within the government guidance.
- If you experience symptoms in your household, as self-isolation guidance still applies under the latest changes.

We will be maintaining all systems in school which are vital to safeguard and care for your children including:

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

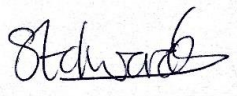
- A Designated Safeguarding Lead present at all times.
- Staff trained in basic and paediatric First Aid.
- An appropriate staffing ratio for the age and number of children.
- Communication for all families, at home or in school, via email and telephone

As we await for the latest information, uncertainties remain around how we will feed the children, especially those entitled to free school meals. We are coordinating with AIP to see what they are able to offer under the circumstances.

We will of course keep you informed of any further developments as they happen but for the time being we will be welcoming the children who are entitled to provision to our main entrances at 8.45am on Monday morning.

We all wish we could provide more specific information sooner however, at this unprecedented time, we can only ask for your continued patience and understanding as we do everything in our power in support of our community.

Yours sincerely



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