



Friday, 20 March 2020

Dear Parents

Some specific information has now been provided by the Government as for whom and how provision should be made for key workers and vulnerable families from Monday 23rd March.

There is still some question over whether all parents/carers in a household need to be key workers in order to access provision. We, however, will be prioritising those families.

Yesterday we confirmed that we would be able to provide a basic childcare for families who qualified and needed it between 8.45am and 3.15pm Monday to Friday and would hope to continue in some capacity through what was the Easter holiday. Children do not need to wear school uniform, just sensible, comfortable clothing and footwear.

All guidance stresses that the national priority remains slowing the spread of the Coronavirus through self-isolation and social distancing and therefore this makes any provision in school a last resort, whatever your situation.

Due to staff personal circumstances and health concerns, staff numbers will be diminished. Provision will not include formal, curriculum-based learning; activities will be varied but, like playtimes and lunches, managed in small groups where possible.

We have confirmed that a selection of hot meals will be provided in some form from AIP however children can bring packed lunches if they prefer.

We will keep you informed as and when new information becomes available but at this point any and all provision is subject to unknown quantities. If you have yet to identify yourself as a key worker or vulnerable family needing support please contact the office immediately. **Please do not simply turn up on Monday and, if you have alternative options on certain days, please give us the maximum possible notice when you will require provision.**

All available staff will be on site Monday morning to receive eligible children at 8.45am at the main entrance. I would like to be able to extend the staff team the same courtesy to self-isolate and distance themselves where possible so please keep us informed.

Yours sincerely

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