

19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

We are aware that some schools are sending out letters informing parents of categories of key workers who can access schools from Monday. We have not done this because the government has not yet released a definitive list. We want to ensure that any information we provide you is factual and helps you make any plans you need to make.

As we have not yet had the specific guidance, I wanted to write to you to let you know what is in place and what actions we will be taking before the end of the week.

We have a plan to provide meals for children who receive Free School Meals but cannot be in school next week due to self-isolation or because they do not meet the key worker category. We will write to you tomorrow to tell you how this will work. If your child is in school next week, we will continue to provide food, as normal.

You may have heard talk of supermarket vouchers being provided to families who receive Free School Meals. The government is working on a national response and until this is achieved, we will be providing food next week, rather than vouchers. Please see update tomorrow and we will be reviewing our approach, week by week.

For those children who will not be attending school or self-isolating, our teachers have prepared lots of fun and educational activities you can carry out at home. These will be on our school websites and on the class page for your child. The school closure for the majority of our children will be a time to explore and immerse themselves in creative activities that they enjoy and also a time to practice skills that will support them on the return to school.

The government has asked schools to remain open over the Easter holidays for specific groups of children. Again, we are working on this and we will have updates next week on this and what things may look like. The government has been clear that schools are not required to deliver the National Curriculum so lessons and normal routines will not be taking place. Schools are being repurposed to support key workers who need to be available to work.

We appreciate that you have questions and this time of uncertainty can be unnerving but please know that as soon as we have the information, we will send it on. We need you to know that we have plans in place and we are here for our families and community.

Yet again you continue to take time to give us lovely feedback. We cannot tell you how much this helps and ensures we keep smiling whilst we try to do the very best for the children – thank you.

We will be in touch tomorrow with more detail and clarity. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Best wishes

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