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19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Regarding the Government's announcement yesterday, we aim to provide some clarity around expectation of provision at school.

In order to comply with the social distancing directive, we will provide a skeleton staff for as long as we are able, to care for children of key workers, where all other options for child care has been exhausted and school care is the only option. To limit contact and the risk of spreading the virus, it is anticipated that staffing will be limited to two members of staff only per day. If children are attending because they have an EHCP, schools are not expected to provide 1:1 support.

Schools have been advised that if sufficient staff are not available, schools cannot be expected to maintain this provision, but we will endeavour to do this for as long as possible. Therefore, at this time our care provision will be 9:00am to 3:00pm. This is subject to change.

We need to emphasise that child care will be provided not education. However, suitable activities will be organised. Children are welcome to bring in the work or access the online work that has been provided to all children. To limit cross-contamination, please do not send in any electronic devices or toys/games from home.

As of 12 noon the key worker group has not been defined and we must wait for this information before responding to all of the queries we have received.

We are being asked to conform to social distancing measures. Therefore, your child can only be at school during school hours on the days when you are at work.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children and staff at these unprecedented times, it is imperative that you explain to your child that attending this provision is dependent on meeting school's expectations of behaviour.

Your child must not attend if they are displaying any of the symptoms of Covid-19 and must still self-isolate.

We have not as yet had any information about provision of food for those children who have free school meals. Therefore, please ensure your child brings a packed lunch on Monday. Further information will be provided.

If you believe that your child would be eligible to attend school from next Monday please contact the school before 1 p.m. Friday 20th March 2020 so that we can make sure that suitable plans are in place.

Yours sincerely Hayley McGoldrick

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick