



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Provision of childcare for children of key workers during the COVID-19 response**

Following from my last communication with you regarding the provision for key workers – the message from the Government continues to be that the provision should only be used as a last resort and **'if it is absolutely essential.'**

Parents, please can I ask that if you are a key worker and that you have alternative provision, that in the first instance you make use of this first. Remember, the provision is for the families that absolutely need it. For example, to front line workers that are working for the NHS, emergency services or other workers that need this provision to help the system to continue to operate.

I am also pleased to say that our staff have been amazing and have put themselves forward to keep the key worker provision open throughout the Easter break so that all front line key workers can continue to work so to help with the critical position that we are in.

We are managing the best that we can in this situation we are in to ensure that the key workers get as much support as we can provide.

**The staff involved in the management of this**

Mrs. Harrington is overseeing the key workers' register and allocation of places based on needs and priority. She has already started to make contact with you to ask about shifts etc. A further letter will follow to these families today.

Miss. Whitehouse is overseeing staff allocation during this phase and will use the staff that are available to assist but also following the guidance from the PHE so those staff that need to follow the isolation period do so and are not in school.

Mr. Douglas is overseeing meals for FSM pupils and also key worker children when in school. For key worker families school will provide breakfast, lunch and snacks to lessen the worry for these front line families (No cost to families).

Miss. Lacey is looking at the provision for when the children are in school in line with the social distancing guidance but also making sure that the children are enjoying what they are doing. She will also be sending home learning updates to help parents as much as possible with home learning.

Mr. Morgan will manage the site and ensure that after shifts, the school is cleaned and ready for the next day.



## **Free School Meals from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Parents who are in receipt of benefits that entitles your child(ren) to a free school meal at school, you have the option of collecting a daily packed lunch from school for your child(ren). This packed lunch will have a sandwich, a piece of fruit, a snack and a drink. These lunches can be ordered through our school website.

Please follow this [link](#) if you currently receive benefits for free school meals and you would like to order and collect daily packed lunches for your child(ren) for next week (w.c. 30<sup>th</sup> March). We need numbers of parents who want to take us up on this offer. Please can you complete and order by tomorrow (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>) at 8pm.

This offer is only for parents of children who are entitled to free school meals so please only fill in the form only if this applies. Please remember that the meal needs to be collected from school.

## **Home School Learning**

A huge well done and thank you to the families that have set up their own home schools ready for learning. Mr. Douglas will email you a timetable of what you can do so that you have some ideas for structure. Parents, please sign up to the twitter page if you have not done so already so that you can tweet, read messages from staff or see what others are doing. Miss Lacey will be sharing weekly suggestions for Maths and English linked to the activities being provided in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Edris Gaibee  
**Headteacher**