

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As of Monday 23rd March, the school will only be open to pupils with an EHCP, a social worker or those whose parents are classed as 'key workers'. A list of who qualifies as a 'key workers' can be found on our news page and attached to this letter. The expectation from the Government is that ALL parents will do everything in their power to ensure their children are NOT IN SCHOOL, regardless of the status of 'key worker' or vulnerable child. This is essential to slow down the transmission of what we know is a deadly virus for the most vulnerable in our population.

For those children who will be attending school here is some useful information for next week:

- Breakfast club will remain open as usual. This is available from 7.50am. Should you wish to book your child in then please let the school office know. Charges will apply as usual.
- School will start at 8.50am. Your child will need to go to their usual classroom door where they will be met by their current class teacher (as long as this staff member is not ill or self-isolating). School finishes at 3.20pm. You will need to collect you child from their classroom door at this time.
- We will remain at full staffing next week until we can establish a rotation system for our staff. This will depend on the average number of children that we think we will have attending school each day.
- Due to staffing needs and potential issues with illness and isolation, your child will work with different adults each week. We will also have to group children differently depending on numbers each day. This will be unavoidable so please consider this carefully when choosing to send your child into school.
- If you are a 'key worker' or have a child with an EHCP or a social worker, and you intend on sending your child into school, we have developed a booking form to help us anticipate numbers each day. Please can you ensure that this is completed the week before you child is due to attend. Children DO NOT need to attend for a full day if not required- they can attend either the morning or afternoon session: mornings: 8:50am 12pm, afternoons: 1pm 3:20pm, full day: 8:50am 3:20pm. Children should only attend sessions when there is no other childcare available. The link to the booking form is: https://bit.ly/isaacbook. The link is also available on the school website on the 'School Childcare Booking' page.
- Children will be required to be in school uniform and have their PE kit in school with them. Their PE kit should include outdoor and indoor kit and suitable footwear.
- If your child is currently in receipt of a free school meal then they will still receive this in school. There will only be option 1 available- if you are not sure what this will be then please contact the school office. If your child is not entitled to a free school meal and you would like them to have one, then you can order these from the school office at a cost of £2.30 per meal. Please also indicate this on the booking form. You are welcome to send your child with a packed lunch if you prefer.
- There will be no free fruit or milk available, so please ensure that you send your child with a snack for break time.

If workers think they fall within the 'key worker' category then they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service. If you are working from home, you do not fall into any of the categories above. We will be seeking clarification from employers as necessary.

Please be aware that **we will not be able to accept** your child if they do not fall into the category of vulnerable child or child of a key worker. **We will also not accept** them if they have displayed coronavirus symptoms within the last 14 days, are social-distancing due to underlying health issues or are a member of a wider, self-isolating household.

Should you have any concerns or queries regarding this then please contact the school office or speak to a member of the leadership team.

Kind regards,

Chris Heathcote

(Headteacher)



Key Workers

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributers of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.