

20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached a letter from Dan Barton, Assistant Director – Education and Skills regarding **Priority childcare arrangements in schools for children of essential workforce.**

I can confirm that school will be open on Monday **only for children of key workers who absolutely need to attend and who have no alternative childcare arrangements.** Key workers are defined in the letter from Dan Barton. The LA will be cross-checking with your employer that you are a key worker.

Students should arrive in school for 9.30am and finish at 3.00pm, parents should collect their children, unless they are happy for them to walk home. Students must be in school uniform with normal school equipment. There will be no school transport provided. If your child is attending and is eligible for free school meals this will continue and the refectory will be open for others as normal. The Station Hotel gate will be closed and all students should come in via Reception.

Staffing will be limited so please follow the guidelines exactly as stated in the attached letter. If too many children are sent into school unnecessarily the school may have to shut at short notice to ensure safe staff ratios.

The vast majority of students will be studying at home for some time. I have informed all the children about what social distancing means and the importance of all of us following government guidance. Staff have set work for students and there is information about this on the website and via an email from school.

Although we are starting this on Monday it is a fluid situation and could change from one day to the next. That is why it is vital that we only have children of keyworkers who have no alternative childcare arrangements. I appreciate your support in this matter, this is a service we are providing to support the community at a time of national crisis.

I wish you all well, take care of each other and I look forward to when life returns to normal.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher