

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION: KEY WORKER UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

From the end of today, schools will close to the majority of pupils. As a school, we need to do all that we can to do our part in reducing the spread of the Covid-19 virus. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, so school can remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. For the next few weeks, all children will be issued work packs and online learning opportunities through the website that will be updated every week by teachers. However this situation might change depending on staffing.

I hope you will recognise the difficult times schools and school staff now face. We are called on to provide emergency childcare at a time when many teachers' first thought will be to remain with their families and children. It is essential that we all pull together to support our emergency services and key workers and you can do this by minimising your call on our limited reserves.

**This is the situation at the moment, and it may be subject to change:**

If children can be cared for at home, then they should be.

Lakeside Primary will be open next week to support key worker's pupils when they have no other childcare option. If the situation changes and the school does not have enough staff to open safely, children will be offered an alternative school. The provision is for childcare and children may be working in mixed age groups with a range of adults.

School will be open 8.30am – 3pm. Children will need to come in to school and be picked up at the Year 2 entrance, near the main school office.

**I must stress, schools are closed for public health reasons and this childcare is an emergency measure only and must only be for when you are working and not if you are working from home.**

Deputy Chief medical officer Jenny Harries said school closures were necessary to reduce social contact throughout society and hence the spread of the virus. So although we are supporting the need to be open for children of key workers we are also mindful that the higher number we have, the higher the risk through social contact.

**Please complete the form below if you definitely require emergency childcare for the next two weeks initially. Your role must be linked to a key worker role as determined by following the link**

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*Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please telephone 01302 737777*

**Key Workers Definition:**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

**Request for pupil to continue at school after Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

<b>Name/s of pupil/s</b>		
<b>Year group and class</b>		
<b>Name and relationship of Parent/carer who is a Key Worker</b>		
<b>The key work that the parent does</b>		

Please tick the days you require your child to attend

**Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>

**Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> March**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>

Emergency Contact Details during this time

<b>Contact</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Relationship to child</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
<b>1</b>			
<b>2</b>			
<b>3</b>			

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent / Carer

Date \_\_\_\_\_