



Wednesday 25th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting us in trying to reduce the number of children coming into school to limit the risk from infection. However, we are still concerned with the number of children coming into school and our ability to maintain social distancing. The DFE has released new guidelines today around social distancing in education settings and it does state that we need 'to ensure class sizes reflect the numbers of teaching staff available and are kept as small as possible'. We know you are having to make difficult decisions each day around childcare and hope that our support has been of some use. We will continue for as long as we are able to but need to ask you again to consider if a key worker childcare place in school is your only option.

In addition, if your child lives in a household with someone who is in the most vulnerable health groups, as set out in the [guidance on shielding](#), it does state that they should only attend an education or childcare setting if stringent social distancing can be adhered to. Unfortunately we cannot guarantee that this will be the case in our school and advise that your child should not attend.

Lakeside Primary does currently remain open for emergency childcare for those key worker families with no other options. Many have now chosen certain days of the week or particular times of day for this childcare. Please speak to the staff at school, if you this might apply to you also.

Tomorrow, we will be issuing guidance for Free School Meals vouchers by parent text and the vouchers themselves which eligible families will receive by text and/or email before the end of this week. They will contain vouchers for 5 days starting on Monday 30th March.

Teachers continue to update the website with work, activities and links to useful websites. Please go to Pupils on the school homepage and click on Home Learning Resources. Don't forget that your child, with your permission, can also upload examples of work and other activities they have been doing to share with the school community, as many have already done. It's fantastic for everyone to see it.

Thank you for your continued support.

As above, further updates will follow tomorrow and Friday.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Bullock
Headteacher