

Dojo Message on 20th March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

At some point in the night the government produced their guidance for schools on the impending school closure.

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

These are a few key points from the guidance-

“The government has asked parents to keep children home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.”

“The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in education settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.”

“Schools are therefore being asked to provide care for a limited number of children, children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home”

“If it is at all possible for children to be at home they should be.”

We are now asking parents who are key workers to complete the survey link below to indicate if you require provision for your child/children next week.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLKPG-M9Au9Z7I2bTyVYam4Zek5102N42RcdHLEAiRqppLrw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please remember that we need to see proof either in person at reception or via email. This could include a photo of your work ID, contract or payslip clearly showing your employer. Once logged, any evidence shared with us will be deleted.

If we are unable to safely provide care for the numbers of pupils whose parents are requesting it, we will have to prioritise families where both adults in the home are ‘key workers’ or where there is only one parent in the home and they are a ‘key worker.’

I truly appreciate that this is a very difficult time. We are all making critical decisions about what is best for our families and loved ones. It is our aim, as a school, to do everything we can to support those parents who need to be in work to look after those who are unwell or to keep the country going, in these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

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