

Dear Parents,

There are currently 6 to 9 children on average accessing the school provision across the school week.

On the basis of these numbers and the fact that on many days there might only be one child attending I am afraid we will not be able to offer Easter holiday provision at The Orchard. I am sorry not to be able to support you in this way but know many of you have been able to find alternative arrangements and had already planned for the Easter holiday period away from school.

According to the DFE guidance the Easter holiday offer is strictly for key worker families, although the ongoing school offer is for families where children have EHCPs, are vulnerable, or have key worker parents. In this respect the Local Authority has a responsibility in providing or sign posting provision. I have informed them of our low up- take and that we will not be able to offer an Easter holiday club. As soon as I receive any further information about any local provision I will inform you.

We will, of course, be starting the school provision again on Monday 20th April for key worker children and children with EHCPs. I hope that you are all keeping well. We have loved having your children and will look forward to seeing them after the Easter break.

For the parents that have advised that they may need school provision but are currently not accessing this, can you please let us know if this will change after Easter so that we can look at staffing levels.

With very best wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

Carol Rusby