

Dear Parents and Carers,

We re-opened our school yesterday and welcomed fifteen children across the three year groups.

The children had a lovely and productive day. We ensured that all children did their Maths and English learning, following the same materials and lessons that we are putting on the learning platform for the children at home.

We are maintaining a routine for them whilst also being flexible and creative and using the outdoors more. Children with complex additional needs are receiving their normal additional support and as much of their individualised programme as is possible.

I am managing the staff through a part time rota system and aiming to ensure staff whom your child knows are teaching them. Currently we have three small year group classes led by one of the year group teachers (on a rota) supported by one or more learning support assistants from that year group.

In light of the lockdown and lower numbers in school than we initially expected I may amalgamate YrR and Yr1 classes (yesterday 5 in each).

Please could you email the information required to us by tomorrow morning.

Whilst initially we had expected and encouraged **key worker** children to attend **every** day I would now request (in light of the lockdown) that keyworkers send their children **only on the days they are required, when they are working.** I am very aware, however that our **frontline key workers** will be asked to work additional shifts without notice and will also be working elongated shifts and night shifts. If you are a key worker in this situation you do not need to give notice but can bring your child to school on any day you **need** to.

The government guidance **remains 'If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be'**. The staff and I are aware that every family is facing significant challenge but also that each family faces unique challenges. This is particularly the case for parents of children with complex SEND where the need for children to be at school may be significant.

We recognise that for our children with complex needs the needs for routine and their parent's wellbeing is an important factor and welcome your children. In the light of the latest guidance (24/3/20 Gov.uk) lockdown and continuing staff illness we are risk assessing each child with an EHCP. We must assess.

- the potential health risks to the individual from COVID-19, bearing in mind any underlying health conditions. This must be on an individual basis with advice from an appropriate health professional where required
- the risk to the individual if some or all elements of their EHC plan cannot be delivered at all, and the risk if they cannot be delivered in the normal manner or in the usual setting

- the ability of the individual’s parents or home to ensure their health and care needs can be met safely
- the potential impact to the individual’s wellbeing of changes to routine or the way in which provision is delivered

Thankyou to those parents who have informed us already about changes in circumstances in the light of the new lockdown situation.

The staff and I are here to support and educate all your children and are available to speak to either via email or by telephoning the school office.

With very best wishes

Carol Rusby.

My child will attend school on

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

My child will need Breakfast club on the following days:

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My child will need after school club on the following days:

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