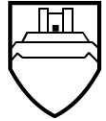




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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear All

School will be partially open on Monday 23rd March 2020. We will run the school with reduced staffing levels for an indefinite period and for as long as it is safe to do so. This is to provide a service to KEY WORKERS and vulnerable pupils.

The list of key worker roles includes all the roles we have heard mentioned in ministerial speeches since the announcement that schools close for 'business as usual' on Friday 20th March 2020.

A list of KEY WORKERS was published overnight. PLEASE READ THE GOVERNMENTS ADVICE (ATTACHED TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS LETTER VERY CAREFULLY)

Please identify yourself to us by COMPLETING THE ATTACHED FORM. ONLY DO THIS IF YOU HAVE READ AND FOLLOWED THE GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Return the form to school as soon as possible and preferably by Friday 20th March 17:00. This will help us gather this information quickly and plan for the children we need to support in school next week. E-mail to jwatkins@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk or print off and drop in the drop-box

From a data protection perspective, gathering this information is vital, in order for us to continue running the school properly, during this tricky time.

You will need to provide us with

- Your name
- Names of all children in your household who attend the school
- Whether any of the roles IDENTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT apply to a parent/carer in your household:

If you are able to look after your children at home, I would be very grateful if you could do this, as our staffing at school is already stretched and we will have to keep going indefinitely. However, we are committed to being here if you need us!

If you are the parent or carer of a pupil deemed to be 'vulnerable' you will be sent a separate letter.

I am endeavouring to keep a hot meal service going, but at the moment, this may not be in place for Monday so please bring packed lunches on Monday.

Pupils should also bring PE kit with them to school every day. School will open as usual at 09:00. Early Birds and Night Owls will run as usual for pupils attending from 23.03.20.

More details to follow, possibly late Friday evening or over the weekend.

Please note the school office will be manned until 18:00 this evening should you need to contact the school for advice etc.

Many thanks for everyone's patience and help to get this implemented.

Kay Bridson

LIST OF PRINCIPLES / KEY WORKERS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, **and you cannot keep your child safe at home** then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply

chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

If your school is closed then please [contact your local authority](#), who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child, or children, can attend.

We are grateful for the work of teachers and workers in educational settings for continuing to provide for the children of the other critical workers of our country. It is an essential part of our national effort to combat this disease.

Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School

I wish to identify my children as requiring a school place from Monday 23rd March because they are the child of a KEY WORKER.

Name of Parent / carer	Occupation	Phone number
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2.		
Name of Pupils	Class	
1.		
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MESSAGE SPACE (Anything you wish to let us know)

