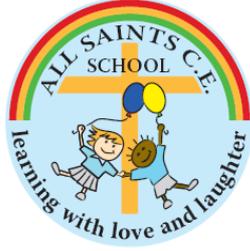




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20/3/20

Dear parents/carers,

As a Headteacher this is one of the most difficult letters I have ever had to write and one that I know will impact greatly on many of our families at our school. I never thought I'd be having to close school in this way and the staff are as distressed as I am about it. Please be assured that we are making the best of the situation we find ourselves in.

1; As of Friday 3.00pm School will be closed until further notice from the Government. The government is clear that those children who can stay at home, **should**. This is in the interests of public health. We urge everyone to be socially responsible.

2; Schools have been given information around which children we may identify as needing to be in school during this period:

- Children who have an existing Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- Children whose families have current Social worker involvement

We will offer care to these children and the children of parents who work in a 'key worker role'. We will not be able to provide lessons in the usual format. I know that once parents have discussed continuity plans with their own employers they will be in a better position to know what childcare arrangements they require

3; We urgently need you to tell us (with evidence) if you fall into the category of a key worker AND if you intend to take the place. If you have already discussed this with myself, Mrs Parsons or the office staff, we will have added you to our list of expected pupils. The purpose of the Government's actions is to facilitate social distancing and keep everyone safe. Please give careful thought to whether you need this service. As I'm sure that you can appreciate resources are limited at this time.

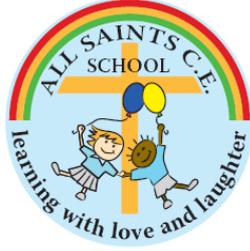
If you have not spoken to us and require your child to come to school, I am urgently requesting parents to telephone school on 01706 640728 so that we have a record of parents/carers **who may be eligible** to qualify as a Key worker under the government definition:

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- Workers in the health service
- Workers in education
- Workers in Social care
- Workers in law enforcement
- Workers in distribution
- Workers in Utilities, communication and financial services; Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods-Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food
- Public safety - Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.
- Transport; Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response

I understand how unsettling this has been for everyone, and how worried everyone is about many things right now.

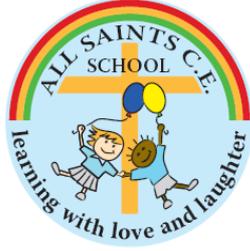
Please contact school today if you meet the criteria and intend to bring your child into school. Please do not just bring your child to school without confirming their place, as it will cause distress for your child, yourself and staff if we are not able to cater for your child.

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I have been advised by the authority to work from the above list for Monday and await updates. If it changes at any point parents will be notified immediately.

Plan for Monday;

- We will bring the eligible children through the main office at the usual time (from 8.40am). Breakfast Club will open at 8am for those children who usually attend. I intend to operate Breakfast Club in the short-term, but please be aware this may change.
- The Foundation Stage building will be closed. Nursery and Reception pupils, who are eligible, should come through the main door. Please do not come if your work does not fit the definition of a key worker role.
- You will be asked to complete an emergency contact form. Please give careful consideration to who you wish to collect your child in case of emergency. I know that we currently have grandparents as contacts for many children.
- The kitchen will provide a packed-lunch for all children There will be no hot meals. This will be free of charge to all pupils attending school.
- If you'd rather your child brought their own packed lunch that is of course fine.
- The school day will end at 3.00pm.
- There are no after-school clubs.
- Children should wear school uniform and bring their PE kit each day.

5; this is the link to the current government guidance for parents/carers;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

6; If you do not wish to take up a place even if you are on the current list please let school know as we may then be able to offer a space to someone else. If one child in your family has an EHCP plan this does not entitle all of the siblings to come into school, sadly.

7; if you or your child does qualify but are currently in social isolation, the period of isolation must run its course before you bring your child to school.

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As you know all of this has been a rush for everyone due to the lack of clarification. I realise that asking at such short notice for parents/carers to try to sort this out will be stressful. but all staff and myself will be working tirelessly to support and let you know what is happening as soon as we can.

Thank you again for all of your patience and kind words in this difficult time, please stay safe and look after each other.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hardy,

Headteacher

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