

HOLY FAMILY



Catholic Primary School

South Gloucestershire Education Committee

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Dear Parents and carers

As you are aware the government has announced that all schools will close from close of play today Friday 20th March. In a statement released after midnight last night they have stressed that 'if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.' They have also asked schools to open on Monday to provide child care for those children who have an EHCP or whose parents are key workers.

We are working with some other local schools to ensure that we can provide child care for children of key workers and also pupils with EHCPs. These pupils will be able to attend a local school, it may not be Holy Family. They will still be expected to complete the work that their own class teachers have already set for them via the class dojo. They will be able to use a school laptop to do this and they will be supervised by school staff. There may not necessarily be Holy Family school staff there each day, depending on which site is used. The staff are there to supervise and to keep them safe, there will be no formal teaching. The children will need to arrive at 8.55am and be collected at 3.15pm as usual. They will need to bring a packed lunch unless they are Free School Meals where a lunch will be provided for them.

In order to identify those families that are eligible for this please either bring evidence of your role or send in via email to the school by 3pm today so that we can put together a register for Monday and ensure that there is the right ratio of staff available. If you do not register your child today they may not attend on Monday, however you may provide evidence on Monday and then your child can start on Tuesday. This is to ensure that there are safe staffing ratios. In the event that there are not enough staff to supervise your children (due to illness or self-isolation) then the Local Authority will make provision for them.

The list of key workers includes:

Health and social care staff; education and child care; key public services; local and national government; food and necessary goods; public safety and national security; transport; utilities, communication and financial services. For further details of this list please see the government website.



If you are eligible for free school meals, you are entitled to pick up some food from the school each day and details of this will be sent through to those families that are eligible later today.

Please remember that previous advice is still in place and that if any of your family displays any symptoms then you will all need to self-isolate for 14 days.

If you would clarity on any of the above please come in to see me or email me directly on dawn.breeze@holyfamilyprimary.co.uk

Kind regards

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