

Stoneydelph Primary School

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19th March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are on the verge of an unprecedented period of challenge for all of our public services and what we consider normal life.

Following the announcement yesterday evening, school will close for the vast majority of pupils from Monday 23rd March until further notice, to support the management and slow down of the spread of Covid 19 (Coronavirus) until further notice.

As advised by the government, we are looking to ascertain the number of pupils who will require childcare due to parents being **'Key Workers'**.

At this stage, 'Key Workers' are not clearly defined and we are waiting to hear from the Government more information on what this means. We anticipate it will include anyone working for the emergency services: NHS, Police or Fire Services; frontline service workers; and those in the food supply chain who need to be able to go to work to support the country's fight to tackle coronavirus. We are hoping for more clarification with this from the Government today so the definition is subject to change and the situation is constantly under review. We are awaiting clarification as to whether this facility is open to families where one parent or both parents are 'Key Workers'.

This provision is also offered to pupils with an EHCP or an allocated Social Worker (on a plan) – these families will be contacted directly by school today or tomorrow.

I'm sorry but as any form of prolonged social contact increases the risk of transmission and therefore contradicts the social distancing strategy, we are unable to offer anything more than places for children that fall into the set criteria.

The turn-around time for organisation for this is obviously very short and so we would appreciate a response as soon as possible in order to support organisation of staff for the next two weeks in the first instance.

Please call school (01827 896666) or e mail the school (office@stoneydelph.staffs.sch.uk) if you think you fit the criteria and would like to make use of our childcare facility during your shifts. We will contact you to confirm your eligibility and requirements as soon as the Government confirm the Key Worker lists later today.

The details you will need to provide in your call or email are:

• Name of pupil / pupils and their class or year group



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- Job roles of adults within your household including specific details such as department / company name / location (eg: SRN A&E Dept, Good Hope Hospital)
- Potential dates and times of your childcare requirements for the next 2 weeks. We understand that these maybe subject to change and we will accommodate this as far as possible. We will update this regularly whilst we are closed.

We are offering: Morning: 8.45am – 12.00pm / Afternoon 12pm – 3.15pm

Please note we will require validation of employment (sight of: identification badge / contract / e mail from work e mail).

Children will need to bring a snack and a packed lunch (unless your child has a free school meal, this does not include Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 / 2) if they are staying all day as the school kitchen will be closed.

As a 'Key Worker', even if you decline childcare at this stage – should you require it at any point, please don't hesitate to e mail the school office, even at short notice, to secure a place. Staff will always be available during the school day.

Please note the rules around children not attending school when ill will still apply and in particular family isolation procedures with symptoms of Coronavirus must be followed.

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards, unless you have been contacted directly.

Please note, that this is a national closure, as you may have heard in the news, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text message and on the school website.

We will endeavor to share updates with you as we receive them.

Keep safe and thank you for your continued support.

With kind regards

Mrs Jenny Wallbank