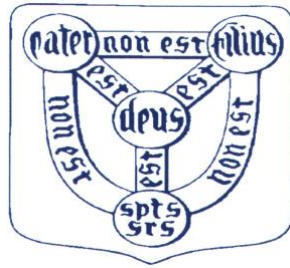


Shellingford CE (A) Primary School

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"Inspiring hearts and minds"

16th April 2020

School Closure: update

Dear Parents,

Towards the end of last term, we took the difficult decision to close the school as it had become necessary in order to safeguard our staff and children. Following government directive we have been monitoring the 14-day period of key worker families who have had to self-isolate and have risk-assessed the staff currently available who have not needed to self-isolate.

From Monday 20th April our aim is to offer care for children from the following groups:

- Those with Education Health and Care Plans awarded by Oxfordshire County Council.
- Those children whose families are being supported by a social worker
- Those children of parents who are 'Critical workers' whose jobs fall into the government categories listed [here](#).

The Government is explicitly asking parents to keep their children at home to minimise further spread of the pandemic. They have asked schools to remain open only for those children who are vulnerable, and for those children of workers whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and who absolutely need to attend.

Please think carefully about requesting a place in school. The safety of your child, your family, our school staff and their families continues to be of paramount importance at this time. Schools are not currently the safest place to be and parents should only be requesting a place as an absolute last resort.

It remains the case that no child should attend school, regardless of falling into one of the above groups, if they or any member of their household has developed either a new, continuous cough AND/OR a high temperature above 37.8 degrees. Please consider your social responsibility to reduce the spread of this disease.

If you believe that your work falls into one of these categories and you are unable to keep your child/ren at home and therefore require a place, please complete the attached '**Key Worker Information**' form and email it to the School Office by **12noon tomorrow - Friday 17th April 2020**. This will enable us to determine whether it is safe to re-open the school with our current reduced staffing levels.

Please do not return this form if you do NOT fall into one of the pre-defined categories above.

At the end of last term all parents will have received an email with information on how to access Microsoft Teams (for Classes 2-4) and Tapestry (for Class 1). The staff have been working hard to develop communication between teachers and pupils and we hope you find these platforms

helpful. The next set of home learning activities will be sent out to parents tomorrow, Friday 17th April, for the following week.

For families who are eligible for free school meals a separate email will be sent to you regarding the provision of school meals. Please note this is not to be confused with the Universal Free School Meals scheme, which is for all pupils in Reception, Year One and Two.

Whilst this continues to be a challenging situation for us all, we will try our best to communicate regularly with parents via email. Key information will also be posted on our school website during this period. This [link](#) may also be of further help for parents with information about the national school closure.

We are continuing to keep you and your families in our prayers, and likewise hope you are doing the same for us at this incredibly difficult time.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Very best wishes,

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