

20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

# **School Partial Opening**

On Wednesday, the Government announced that schools would close to most pupils from today. However, there are certain groups of children – vulnerable children and children of key workers – who will continue to attend school next week.

# Who should continue to attend school?

**Vulnerable pupils:** the Government has said children with an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and those with a Social Worker should continue to attend school.

**Children of Key Workers:** The Government issued a list of occupations which are critical to fighting the battle against Covid-19 virus. These included NHS workers, teachers, the emergency services, supermarket delivery drivers etc. The full list is available and has been sent out to parents. Their children should continue to attend school as normal so their parents/carers can go to work as normal.

We are contacting you as we understand your child falls into one of these two groups and expect your child to be in school on Monday 23<sup>-d</sup> March. [Unless anyone in the household is displaying symptoms, then the full family should be in isolation for 14 days]

#### What will school be like?

Schools are not expected to follow the National Curriculum. The lessons and activities will be as interesting and fun as possible: there will be lots of opportunities for art, music, PE – the things children really enjoy! We hope it'll take children's minds off the events in the wider world at the moment. Lunches will be provided as normal [may be on a reduced menu] but if your child usually brings a packed lunch, they should continue to do so.

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# What about the children who don't have to attend school?

Schools have prepared 'home learning' packs for those who are not required to attend school. These are available from the school websites – the 'Home Learning' tab on the front page directs you to work for children of different ages.

### What if I need to contact the school?

You can contact school on the telephone number below or through the email. We will respond as soon as possible.

We really appreciate your support in these unprecedented times, and are doing everything we can to support and provide some continuity for children and families.

Yours faithfully

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