



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parent and Carers,

You are receiving this letter as you have provided us with information about being a key worker or you have been identified as a group that the Government guidelines suggest that care at school can be provided for.

Schools are being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

This is a very challenging time and we are trying to quickly put plans in place for children who will be in school next week. Please find some details for the week beginning 23rd March.

- Only St John's children will be able to come into school. No siblings from other schools or Pre School children.
- Children must wear school uniform and bring their PE kit.
- For children in Rec, Yr 1, 2 and children in receipt of pupil premium, we will be able to give the children a hot meal. For all other children, and anyone who would like to, please bring a packed lunch to school.
- On arrival to school, all children are to be brought to the Smarty Arty door where they will be greeted by a member of staff.
- Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am. Otherwise children will be expected from 8.45 am. The school day will end at 3.15pm. During this period there will be no charge for Breakfast Club.
- If parents only need care for part of the day they can collect early from the school office.

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This will all be reviewed during the week and changes may be made through a risk assessment process. We are working extremely closely with Wimborne Academy Trust, the local authority and other educational providers to develop a Hub model. Further details will be sent out as they are agreed.

We ask for your patience, as this process takes shape and decisions about care provision for our children develops.

Thank you for all your kind words of support, they are very much appreciated at this time.

Yours faithfully

Antonia Dufek
Acting Headteacher

