

Key Worker Childcare Provision

Starting Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carers,

Schools were asked to close today for the general population in order to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government have 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.

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.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire sent out yesterday, our admin team have been busy making contact with each applicant to verify key worker status but also to clarify if a place is actually required. Some Key Workers have made the decision to keep their children at home if their circumstances have allowed it.

Provision

You have been allocated a place at the Corpus Christi care provision and we look forward to seeing your child on Monday. The service will run from 9am to 3pm and the children will be split up in Key Stage groups. We will be working with the children using age appropriate resources and will try to give them as varied experience as possible. Our teaching team are working up a timetable for the week. The provision will run with a skeleton staff of both teaching and support staff to ensure your child has familiar faces around them at this challenging time.

We will not be expecting to deliver the curriculum, as in the normal school week, as classes will be mixed ages and abilities.

Lunch

Lunch will be provided by our regular catering contractor Harrisons, with lunch being chargeable in the normal way for Year 3-6 children. Please keep your ParentPay account in credit for this service.

Uniform

Children will **not** be required to come in uniform, but they should bring in their own water bottle and a packet of tissues every day. Please make sure that they dress appropriately, as they will have the opportunity to do some PE during the day too and will need their trainers with suitable clothing.

Wraparound Care – Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast club and after school club will be provided for those that have requested it and will be chargeable at the normal rates and are payable on ParentPay in the normal way.

We will send further information as this becomes available. But for now, we wish you a restful weekend and look forward to seeing your child on Monday.

We also take the opportunity to thank you, on behalf of the Governors, staff and children for your service in the effort to combat this virus and for keeping the other essential services going. Please assured of our continued support.

Yours sincerely

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