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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following on from the announcement of a national lockdown, we are now finalising the arrangements to move fully into our key worker and online schooling provision.

Hopefully you have all managed to access home learning today and we are committed to continuing to develop the systems and ensuring that the children make progress through the curriculum during this challenging time.

What to do if you're a Key Worker:

We have arrangements in place to support the children of workers who are critical to the fight against COVID-19. Guidance on your eligibility can be found at the website below:

[A list of key workers can be found here](#)

Thank you to all of those parents who have been in touch regarding accessing the provision already. We will be contacting you today to confirm your requirements moving forwards over the next few weeks. It is important we plan ahead so we can have the appropriate resourcing in place.

Please ensure that you only access the key worker provision when it is necessary. If children can be at home (i.e. it is your day off) then they should be at home and supported with their learning there. It is a careful balancing act with resourcing the provision in and out of school and misuse of the system will be detrimental. Please don't put us in the awkward position of having to challenge use.

If you are eligible as a key worker and your child needs to attend school, please email schoolclosure@fairfieldprimary.co.uk as soon as possible and state their name, class and days in which they will need to attend (we do not offer part days).

Children will be taught in school within their own year group and we will be implementing all of the key measures to minimise the risk of transmission in school. It is absolutely vital however, that you do not send children to school who are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 and you act in accordance with the up-to-date guidance. We will still have to isolate groups in the event of a positive case within our new bubbles.



Key Worker children can still access the WAC provision. This can be booked online as normal. Lunches can also be ordered via Lunchshop.

Please ensure that children only bring essential items to school (outdoor coat, waterbottle & packed lunch if required).

Online Provision:

Our online provision has started today and we are very keen to ensure that everybody can access it and make progress.

Being at home with young children full-time and supporting their learning can be very challenging for parents, particularly if you're working or have a number of children at home. Please remember some key things:

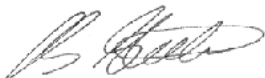
- Do what you can to support the children – we understand that you might not get through everything or you might choose to prioritise certain things.
- Help yourself by planning a timetable to the day. Fit it in around your work and other activities – take breaks, play, do exercise, get outdoors. Structure and routine to a day will help children concentrate and understand expectations.
- Don't worry if things go wrong, we can help and support you with anything you need.
- Other activities (reading, baking, crafts, building etc etc) are valuable in the development of children so don't feel like they are a waste of time.
- If you need us to speak to your child directly, just get in touch.

If you are in need of any support with technology to access the provision, please let us know and we will look to support you as much as we can. We have a small number of devices we can lend out.

We are currently working on a strategy to offer collection of resources (exercise books/pens etc) if needed as well as reading book collections/swaps. We will update you on this soon.

We are entering a difficult phase of national measures and it is vital that we support our children through it. We will be in touch regularly to check on the children and support their mental health and wellbeing as best we can remotely. Please get in touch if you have worries and concerns and we can support you where we can.

Yours sincerely



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