

Good morning.

Today is a very strange day with the school closing for an unknown period of time. As you may be aware the government last night released its list of key workers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are a key worker and can not make any other suitable arrangements for childcare, please complete this [form](#) if you have not already done so. **Remember every child who can be cared for at home should be. We can only offer this provision if we have enough staff. Parents who send their children to school unnecessarily may contribute to forcing the school to close, which we will have to do if we do not have enough staff.** If you have already completed the form and have been able to make other arrangements please let us know that you no longer need our provision by emailing angela.small@svf.org.uk

You may only need to access the service for some days, depending on shift patterns etc. We will send a further message with further information and to ask you to confirm which days you will require. If for any reason your child then does not need to come in on any day can you please contact us on 0191 237 1505 or email Mrs Small Angela.Small@svf.org.uk

Whilst we will do all we can to support the 3 identified groups can I please draw your attention to the following from the government:

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

Later today those parents whose children receive a free school meal will receive a message about what we hope to do in the area.

Can I also ask that as parents and carers you reinforce with your children that this school closure is not a holiday it is a means to try and stop the spread of covid 19. Young people can catch it and it is not a nice disease if you do catch it.

Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. Children should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

We will be sending further information home in relation to this.

Many thanks and I wish you all the best

John Barnes
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