



20 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for checking the website and facebook daily, this is really assisting us in effective communication.

From Monday 23 March, the school will maintain some provision for children of key workers and identified groups of pupils who absolutely need to attend (children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans).

**IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM – PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS TO MAKE US AWARE IF YOU ARE A KEY WORKER AND WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO ACCESS THE PROVISION WE WILL PROVIDE.**

**Parents should keep their children at home, whenever possible.** The fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

For those pupils attending, the school will open its doors at **8.40am (no earlier please)** and end promptly at **3.10pm**. Appropriate arrangements should be made for children to walk home or be collected by this time. If you are a part-time worker and/or wish to collect your children between these times, you may do so.

**Pupils attending school should wear clothing suitable for wide-ranging activities and please bring boots for the 3G pitch. School uniform is not required.**

For those children who would normally access School Transport, if the route your child takes is not running on Monday, you will be contacted directly by School Transport.

### **FSM**

Any child entitled to FSM at this time may call the school on Monday between 9-10am and choosing the Finance Office option, to order for the week ahead their requirements. This will be a packed lunch to be collected from the school. For Year 5&6 between the hours of 12.30 – 1.00 and Year 7&8 between the hours of 1.00-1.30pm.

### **Safeguarding**

You should still pass on any concerns you may have about a child or young person you feel may be in danger or you have a specific welfare concern.

You can do this by contacting:

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - Selwood Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and we expect all members of staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment

DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) Lorna Steward [LSteward@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:LSteward@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

or

DSL Andy Ellett [AEllett@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:AEllett@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

Or leaving a message on the school number 01373- 462798

Leave your telephone number with your message, so you can be contacted by a DSL.

Or you can decide to contact one of the services below.

1. Somerset Children's Social Care – 0300 123 2224
2. NSPCC – 0808 800 5000
3. Childline – 0800 1111

Where those children the government has deemed vulnerable and, are not attending school, a parent or carer will receive regular welfare calls from a specific member of staff.

Other children who are currently regularly supported by a member of the school staff may also receive welfare calls.

I am sure you will fully understand that our staff are doing their utmost and will continue to do so. We cannot know the levels of staffing moving forward but we will use our website to keep you updated.

Thank you for all that you are doing, for the supportive emails that you have sent and your messages of goodwill.

Yours sincerely  
Jean Hopegood