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Daily Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon everyone. I appreciate this is a difficult time for people who are trying to navigate how they may return to work following the governments advice. I cannot give you any clear guidelines as yet, but I can say, however that no matter how we decide to move forward as a school following the advice, we will not consider officially opening until the **8th of June** as per our school holiday pattern.

In discussions with staff and Governors, we will be opening during the two week holiday, **25th May – 8th June**, for our current Key Worker Children. I am very appreciative of the staff who have volunteered, throughout the holidays, and bank holidays to work and support our Key Worker families. However, although we will open during this time, we **will not** be offering breakfast and after school clubs during these two weeks. **School will start at 8.55 am – 3.20 pm.** Staff will be setting tasks for the two week break but they will not be engaging by email or marking the tasks until we return to school.

As a staff, we are also aware that some of our children maybe feeling isolated and struggling with this situation. They miss their friends and the routines of school life. Over the next few weeks, your child's class teacher will be making contact with your child by phone for a chat. I will send out further details in the coming days. This is totally voluntary and there will be no pressure if you do not want to receive a phone call.

Daily DfE update <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

As I have mentioned previously, please continue to pray for our school community as more and more people have sadly been directly affected by Covid-19. We are here to support you in any way we can so please do not to hesitate to contact the school.

Remember:

Where possible, children should be safely cared for at home. However, we understand that this may be difficult for some Key Workers. We are here to look after the children of our Key Workers who are critical to the Covid-19 response and vulnerable children who may need our support.

Head Teacher: Mrs Alexis Satterthwaite



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Please can you ensure that we have up to date details if your situation changes:

If you have indicated that you will need child care for your child on a particular day and then your situation changes, please inform us immediately, otherwise, in line with our safeguarding duties, you will receive a phone call from school.

- Is anyone in your household self – isolating?
- Do you no longer require childcare and have not informed the school?
- Are you due to or have you finished a period of self – isolation?
- Have you or members of your family been directly affected by Covid-19?
- Is it possible to alternate your work shift pattern, within the household, so that one parent/carer is able to care for your child?

Please correspond by email if any of the above applies to you and we will respond during the normal school hours.

A moment of reflection.....

*'A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in
God'*

St. Faustina

God Bless – stay safe,
Alexis Satterthwaite
Head Teacher

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