



21st March 2020

Dear Parents,

You are receiving this letter because your child(ren) will be joining us in school over the coming weeks.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your support and understanding during the last week when we have had many times where we have been uncertain of what is happening. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive body of parents.

Yesterday was a sad day for all members of our school community. Saying goodbye to the children who will not be joining us and not knowing when we will all be together again was very upsetting for everyone.

At the present time we have 18 children in total, this includes my own children to limit the germs that we are mixing with as a family! Not all children are attending every day. At the moment everyone is in on a Tuesday; Wednesday and Friday are our quietest days with just 9 children attending.

I appreciate that working patterns may change during this time so will ask you to complete a form on a weekly basis to confirm your child's attendance. We can of course be flexible with this if your needs change during the week.

Location

W/B 23/03/20 - we will be based at Marston **W/B 30/03/20** - we will be based at Long Lane

Daily Arrangements

- The children can wear their own clothes all the time. We will be participating in Joe Wicks online PE lessons first thing in the mornings and at the end of the day we will be working our way through a Couch to 5k app. Due to this we would like the children to wear suitable clothing for these activities.
- School meals will continue to be provided.
- The children will need their water bottles and may bring a healthy snack for break time (school fruit will no longer be delivered).
- During the morning the children will spend some time working from the workbooks we have purchased. If your child(ren) has taken these books home please ensure they bring them into school so that they can use them.
- We will also continue to listen to children read and practice basic maths skills.
- We will then do other activities. Some ideas we have had so far involve - Forest school, gardening, craft, helping the community... I am sure the children will also have their own ideas!

Drop off – At both schools children will need to arrive through the front door and will be asked to wash their hands.

Collection – Children will be sent outside to their parents. We ask you to wait on the playground.



I appreciate that the children may be feeling that it is unfair that they are attending school when most of their friends are not. Please reassure them that all staff want to make this time as fun as we can for the children who will be joining us and it will not be like a normal day in school!!

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club will run daily.

After School Club will run on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Next week (23/03/20) both these clubs will run at Marston, children will need collecting from MMPS at the end of the day.

Self-Isolating

There are currently some children who will be joining us who are self-isolating. Please let me know when your 14 days of self-isolation will finish so that we know when to expect you. I would ask all parents to be vigilant and self-isolate if anyone in the household shows any symptoms so that we can limit the possibility of spreading the virus. As key workers it is vital that you all remain healthy!

Transport

Some parents indicated that they were able to give lifts to other children. Please can I ask you to arrange between yourselves to share lifts where this is necessary / appropriate. If you are unable to arrange a lift, please let me know and we will arrange transport.

Easter Holiday

The forms indicate that there is a need for this. I will ask you to confirm your needs on Tuesday 31st March and then will confirm the arrangements with you on the Wednesday.

Information from the Government

“From Friday 20 March schools, childcare and other educational settings are closed for everyone except:

- children of critical workers
- vulnerable children

We have published guidance for parents and carers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Critical workers

If parents' work is critical to the coronavirus response, their children will be prioritised for early years and education provision.

The Government has published a list of critical workers:

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

I am hoping I have covered everything. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or need information clarifying.

Best wishes

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