



Westvale Primary School

"Striving for Excellence, Caring for All"

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

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Further to the letter sent yesterday please see the information below for all parents and carers and those parents who fit into the key worker category.

This letter outlines further arrangements for the school on Monday for those who may be able to access provision. Can I stress this provision will not be the normal school curriculum.

Information for ALL parents/carers :-

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Government guidance has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open ***only for those children who absolutely need to attend.***

The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. Please also follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.***
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Vulnerable children:-

The school will continue to provide care for a limited number of children. Parents and carers will be contacted individually if this is the case.

Information for key workers:

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open ***only for those children who absolutely need to attend.***

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, ***and you cannot keep your child safe at home*** then your children will be prioritised for education provision.

If you wish to receive this provision please complete the form attached.

You then need to accompany your child to school on Monday from 8.30am with the completed form. You will then need to complete the registration process. You may be asked for proof of your role eg identity badge etc.

Children must not be sent to school on Monday unaccompanied.

Details of Key workers:

Please see the link below for further detail in order to check if you fall into a key worker category – ***and absolutely need your child to attend school.***

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

Thank you for your support during these challenging times, and as always, for your continued support and understanding in this matter. Take care.

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