



Rothwell Primary School



Coronavirus Update.

Thursday 19th March, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thanks for your understanding at this time of uncertainty.

I just wanted to update you regarding a few things.

- As you are aware from the government announcement, as of Monday the school will be closed for children, apart from children in key worker groups (who have no childcare) and those identified as vulnerable. (We shared 'likely' keyworker groups yesterday - we are using this as we have nothing official at the moment). Thank you to those of you who belong to the key worker group and have e-mailed us this confirmation. We are currently compiling this list and are confident that we will be able to meet the requests received at this point.
- From Monday 23rd March, we will remain open for key worker children and children with other vulnerabilities for the current school day timings: 8:50am, until 3:15/20pm.
- The children who have been in school should have brought a learning pack home. We have also asked for learning packs to be collected after school today, by neighbours or friends who are able to post them through to you. We will update you tomorrow with arrangements for those who are unable to collect their pack.

If your child is in the following group, they will also be able to attend school from Monday:

- A child who is looked after.
- Any child who is on a Child Protection Plan or a Child in Need Plan.
- Any child who has an Early Help Plan or a Family Support worker.
- Any child who has a Education Health Care Plan.
- Currently has a social worker.
- Has had previous social care or other agency support and are considered vulnerable.
- Any child who we believe to be vulnerable and who does not meet any of the above criteria.

As you can imagine, this a vast number of children, so we appreciate you requesting a keyworker place only if you are in need of it. If circumstances change, we would appreciate you keeping us up-to-date.

The same guidance and rules apply regarding any symptoms and measures required to contain the spread of the virus.

The school bus will still be operating. Regarding Kidz Club - we are reviewing this offer.

We are currently in the process of finalising a plan for children attending school next week. For those who are unable to attend, please read the information in your child's pack. Check out the phase pages (on the school website) for updates and further learning. Information regarding lunch provision for children who receive free school meals to follow.

If you are at home with your child/ren, we recommend that you create a timetable together each day. Children in school have been thinking about this today; for those not in school, this would be worth thinking about together. At what points will you child: read, play, exercise, complete learning tasks, get some fresh air...? A routine may be helpful in giving some structure to your child's day.

Further updates to follow tomorrow.

Your support is incredible. Thank you.