



Rothwell Primary School



Key Worker Update.

Friday 20th March, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I am sure you will appreciate, we have a large number of parents and carers who qualify as key workers and we also have a number of children who are classed as vulnerable.

In order to reduce the possible transmission of the virus as well as protecting our children and my committed staff team, we have been given a guidance figure suggesting that no more than 20% of the school population should attend school. Looking at present demand, if all places were offered, we would be nearer to 30%. As such, we are going to have to impose more stringent measures, which may include:

- Giving the highest priority to children where **both** parents are keyworkers or where a **sole parent** is a key worker.
- Looking at defining critical workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, farmers and food retail workers) versus the key worker.

I really need to ask you to ensure that you have explored other options. If there are other members of the family, including partners, who are working in non-key worker categories, we need you to use these possibilities. It is unfair to put my staff at risk (and they are key workers) to benefit families who have other options.

If you have e-mailed to inform us that you are a key worker, we will need you to complete the yellow request form that your child should have brought home tonight.

If you have informed us that, due to being a key worker (with no alternative childcare available) your child should have been given a yellow form, which will need completing and returning, in order for your child to access their place. For example, if your child is due to attend on Monday, they must bring this form with them. If they are not due to attend until later in the week, please try to return the form to us by posting it in the entrance, ideally by Monday at 11.00am.

We will then go through and make any necessary phone calls to yourselves and employees to ensure that we have the correct information regarding job role and days of work.

We understand that you need to know what is happening next week. For Monday and Tuesday next week, if you are a key worker and have informed us of the need for a place, we will support you with this, unless it is not needed. From 11am on Monday, we will go through the information that has been returned and will then confirm whether we are able to offer support until Easter when this will be reviewed once again.

At present we are unable to offer any extended school provision, although, this will be reviewed again on Monday. Please e-mail if you are a critical worker and this would cause huge disruption.

For the children in the vulnerable pupils category, separate contact has been made.

To our wonderful children who have not been in school this week, and for those who will not be in school from today, please know that we all care for you very much and we will be in touch next week. As I'm sure you'll understand, it has been rather 'BUSY'. Please keep checking the website, class pages and Facebook. You should have received your learning packs; thank you to those who were able to collect them for friends and to our staff team who have been out on delivery.

Regarding queries about home learning, please wait until Tuesday before contacting school, whilst we organise the key worker places.

At a time of great uncertainty, I want to say thank you all for your positive approach, lovely comments on Facebook, e-mails and comments made in person. We have also had a few lovely treats dropped in. THANK YOU.