



LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

SCHOOL CLOSURE

As you are aware, schools close tomorrow afternoon as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus. The only exceptions to this are for:

- those pupils whose parents (both of them) are key workers - see list below
- vulnerable pupils who have an Educational Health and Support Plan (EHCP usually requiring one-to-one support in class) or have access to a Social Worker (Looked After Children or Children in Need)

Current guidance defines key workers as -

- National Health Service staff
- Teachers and school support staff
- Police and community support officers
- Frontline civilian police staff
- Prison officers and staff
- Probation officers and trainee probation officers
- Local Authority officers and Local Authority/NHS social workers
- Uniformed staff in fire and rescue services
- Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defence) and some discharged personnel
- Highway agency traffic staff
- Local Authority environmental health officers/practitioners
- Care workers
- Food distribution drivers
- Supermarket and food retail staff



For those parents who come under the heading of key workers, you are required to complete the attached form with details of your employment and return it to school **on (Friday 20th March)**, so that we can organise staffing.

Please be aware that the decision to close schools was taken as a measure to reduce the spread of coronavirus and so **all other children will need to stay at home – please do not send your children into school from Monday onwards.**

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to a free school meal this will continue – Mrs Clarke (School Office Manager) will contact you with details. If there are any other families who require a packed lunch (at no cost) for their children, please contact the School Office – we want to help those families who are in need of additional support at this time.

Other important information

We care about our all of our pupils and particularly at unsettling times for them such as now. If you have any concerns about the safety of **any** children, please contact me (Mrs Barnard-Taylor, Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead or Mrs Bayes, Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) – in the first instance by emailing the School Office stating '**Safeguarding Concern**' and we shall respond to you.

With pupils spending such an increased amount of time at home, and potentially using online programs for extended periods, we ask that you continue to monitor the content of the programs they are using, and also of chat groups they may be part of, in order to keep them safe.

Please remember if you or your child starts to feel unwell with any of the symptoms of coronavirus, and you want more information, please use NHS 111 online.

Please note that the Education Secretary has confirmed that primary school assessments (which include Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 SATs) will **not** go ahead this year.

I wish to thank all our school staff for enabling the school to remain open in recent days – I know they will continue to do their utmost for our pupils over the coming months. I would also like to thank school governors for their support. Well done and thank you to our pupils for continuing to work hard in school despite them being aware of imminent changes to their normal routines.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and understanding – we appreciate the implications the school closure has for you.

Best wishes to you all
S A Barnard-Taylor

S A Barnard-Taylor (Mrs)
Headteacher

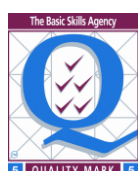


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Key Worker Parent - Application for Child/Children to Access School during Period of School Closure

I am a Key Worker in the following service (please tick):	
National Health Service staff	
Teachers or school support staff	
Police and community support officers	
Frontline civilian police staff	
Prison officers and staff	
Probation officers and trainee probation officers	
Local Authority officers and LA/NHS social workers	
Uniformed staff in fire and rescue services	
Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (ie clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defence) and some discharged personnel	
Highway agency traffic staff	
LA environmental health officers/practitioners	
Care workers	
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1.	Name of Child/Children and Year Group(s):	
2.	Name of First Key Worker Parent:	
3.	Address of Key Worker Parent:	
4.	Key Worker Parent's Telephone Number:	
5.	Job Title:	
6.	Please state whether full or part time:	
7.	Name of Employer:	
8.	Employer's Address:	
9.	Employer's Telephone Number:	
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10.	Name of Second Key Worker Parent:	
11.	Address of Key Worker Parent (if different to above):	
12.	Key Worker Parent's Telephone Number:	
13.	Job Title:	
14.	Please state whether full or part time:	
15.	Name of Employer:	
16.	Employer's Address:	
17.	Employer's Telephone Number:	

