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Emerson Valley School weekly newsletter for children, parents, staff and Governors.
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Dear Parents / Guardians

We are going through a very unusual and unprecedented period in human history.

This is the time that resilience, diligence, determination and good citizenship is required by everyone. As a population we need to stop the spread of this virus, this is the reason the central government has clear guidance on self-isolation, social distancing and household isolation.

I ask you please to consider this:

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why **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**.

(Taken from Claire Britnell – Headteacher, Giles brook School)

From Monday 23rd March, the school will be open to the children of the Key Workers and the vulnerable children. These children have already contacted us and confirmed attendance.

This list of recognised **key workers** can be found at the end of this letter.
It is important to stress a few key points of guidance from the government:

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- 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.

Information for those parents whose children will be attending school from Monday

- The school will be open from 8.50am to 3.20pm
- Children will enter and exit via the main reception.
- Parents /carers will not be permitted to enter the building.
- All children will be expected to adhere to our behaviour policy
- They will follow the same online curriculum as other children.
- Children can wear casual clothes. Please make sure this includes trainers.

A polite note to all the parent/carers

Please do not come to school, if you have a query phone the school or send an email, our office staff are as vulnerable as anyone else, please help me in ensuring that we have enough healthy staff to keep the school open for as long as we humanly can.

Every day, children on Free School Meals can collect their meals from the school Foyer at 12.30pm. Children who attend school, need to provide lunch for themselves.
Please call the school office for any clarifications.

I thank you for your continuous support.
Keep safe and hope to see you all very soon.

Mrs Mathison - Executive Headteacher

Current Government Definition of Key Workers:**Health and social care**

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

Useful contacts

During this difficult and uncertain time, we would like to remind parents/carers that help, and support is always available to children and families. Safeguarding is everyone's business, if you have any safeguarding concerns you can contact MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on **01908 253169** for advice. Please remember that you can also contact NSPCC/Childline if you need help and support.



Stay Safe Online!



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)

Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret

YouTube
Keek
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr

LinkedIn

WhatsApp

Vine
Tinder

Path



In line with Government Guidelines our aim is 100% attendance
Week beginning 9th March – 13th March
Whole school attendance 94% - Class of the week 6AM 97.7%