

19 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you on behalf of the BFLPT to give you some clarity and reassurance on how we are interpreting the recent statement from the Prime Minister about imminent school closures. The Prime Minister announced yesterday that due to the Coronavirus crisis, all schools will be closed to most students from Monday 23rd March until further notice.

We have been instructed that where possible, provision be made for students whose parents/carers are classified as 'Key Workers'. Key workers are currently defined as: NHS staff, police and delivery drivers. This list will be amended with further definitions of key workers later today.

Also included are those children who have Social Worker provision and/or an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) - parents/carers of those children will be contacted directly and do not need to complete the form below

It is important that, if your family falls into one of the above categories, you complete the form attached to advise us as to whether you need to take up the offer of provision whilst school is closed. It may be that this provision is provided by a setting other than your child's usual school however we are unable to confirm this until we have a more accurate idea of numbers. It may be necessary that you provide proof of your occupation to enable you to take up this offer. Once you have completed the form you will be contacted by school and given further details. It is also suggested that the closure provision be made available during the Easter holidays and as yet we are unable to confirm whether this will be possible.

In addition to the provision above, we are also instructed to provide a school meal for those students who would normally receive this free from school – either as an entitlement to free school meals or a universal infant school meal. The meal provided will be a cold option and this will be available whether your child is in school during the closure period or not. You have been sent a letter yesterday asking if you would want to take up this offer and we would ask that you respond to this if you have not already done so. Moving forward there is some indication that a voucher system will be introduced by the government and you will be given further details about this once available.

I would like to reassure those of you who have children due to sit exams this summer, either SATs or GCSEs, that the Department of Education is working with Headteachers and Ofqual to ensure that there is no detriment to your child, ensuring they can progress confidently on to the next stage of their education. We will keep you updated through our website when we know more.

All of the schools within our Trust are currently preparing work for your child to continue their learning at home. The format of home learning will be appropriate to your child and may be in the form of workbooks and online access to educational resources. We would ask that you encourage your child to participate in



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the home learning which has been set by the school. We are mindful that children who are currently Years 5 and 10 will be sitting exams next year and they should be working through any revision guides and workbooks that are currently at home to ensure there are no gaps in their learning.

I appreciate that we are facing unprecedented times and we will, of course, keep you updated with developments, as and when we receive instruction from the Department for Education and Central Government. We therefore ask that you regularly check your school website, texts and emails sent by the school. It is also important that you respond quickly to the requests we have made regarding closure and meals provision to enable us to plan accordingly. Without your response we will not be able to provide the support needed. If you are a key worker and require provision please complete and return the below form or follow the link below to complete your information...

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7N7DBQB>

Thank you for your continued help and patience during this unsettled period.

Yours sincerely

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I am a key worker: My employer is _____

My job title is _____

My staff number/payroll number is _____

I wish to take up the offer of closure provision for my child(ren) who attend:

School Name _____

The days that I need the provision for are:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

The child(ren) to attend:

Name _____ Year Group _____

Name _____ Year Group _____


Name _____ Year Group _____

My contact details are: Home No _____ Mobile Number _____

Email address _____

My name is _____ Signature _____



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