

Foxmoor Primary School

Coronavirus Update

20 March 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians

As you may be aware there has been conflicting guidance given by the government to educational settings and parents regarding key workers. I can assure you that I am seeking clarification as a matter of urgency so that I can keep you all informed.

If you have not already done so, can I ask you to please inform school if you consider yourself a key worker. Even if it is just one parent in the family. Can you please respond with the information below:

Name of child:

Occupation of parent:

Parents employer:

For children of Foxmoor Primary School this should be sent via email admin@foxmoor.gloucs.sch.uk

For children attending Little Foxes Nursery this should be sent via email littlefoxespreschool@foxmoor.gloucs.sch.uk

Can I ask you to do this by 1pm today.

What is clear from all guidance is that if at all possible, children should not be attending school. Even parents who are deemed key workers should keep their children at home if at all possible. Please be mindful of the fact that if staff members contract this virus school would close completely.

Depending on numbers of requests I may need to prioritise offers of places. There is at present no guidance from the government on this but I believe a sensible approach would be:

- 1.Pupils where either parent is a member of NHS frontline staff e.g. doctors and nurses
- 2.Pupils who have a social worker or are known to the school to be extremely vulnerable
- 3.Pupils where both parents are on the keyworker list
- 4.Pupils where one parent is on the key worker list

I am trying to provide clarity and offer support to the parents who need it most as soon as possible. However, until we get further clarification from the government it may be necessary

to implement a full closure on Monday 23 March 2020 and Tuesday 24 March 2020 to allow me time to put the correct plans in place. I will inform you all as soon as possible and definitely by the end of today if this is necessary.

Please do not send your child to school unless you have been notified by us that they will be provided a place. Where places are allocated can I reiterate that school will only be open for our core hours. This will be from 9.00am to 3.15pm. There will be no before or after school provision.

Following discussions with the Chair of Governors, I have made the decision to not open the school during the Easter holidays. This is for the well-being of my staff and to allow them to spend time with their own families. While I know the government have suggested that schools try to open during the holidays this is only a recommendation.

Yours sincerely

Richard Bridgewater
Headteacher