



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our Ref: JMK/SXG

30 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Emergency Care School Provision

Thank you for the arrangements you have made to enable your child, wherever possible, to stay at home safely during the Coronavirus pandemic. During the first week of the school closure we have seen a decline in the number of students eligible to attend school being on site. On Friday 27 March there were just 5 students in school.

The government has issued a clear directive that every child who can be safely cared for at home must be. They have reiterated that if there is a parent working from home, the child must be kept at home to minimise the risk to the child, family and wider school community.

I understand that for a small number of children, whose parents are critical workers and those who have an EHCP or social worker, they may not be able to care for themselves over the Easter holidays. I, therefore, intend to keep the school open over the two-week Easter break to continue our emergency care provision. From Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April inclusive the school will remain open. This includes the two bank holidays on Friday 10 April and Monday 13 April respectively. The staff at school have been incredibly supportive throughout the closure period and have volunteered to come into school over the Easter period, if required.

If you require this emergency care provision for your child over Easter, please can you email closureregistration@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk by 3pm on Wednesday 1 April clearly stating the dates and sessions (full day or half day) you require. I will assume that your child will be attending school on these days. However, if there is any change to these arrangements, it is essential that you notify the school on the above email address immediately as this may potentially affect the number of staff required in school.

During the Easter opening students will not be completing their school work as is it a holiday period. Staff will be supervising students taking part in different activities, both indoors and outdoors (weather permitting). Films will also be shown for students to watch.

The existing school arrangements, which have been in place since Monday 23 March, will continue to apply as stated below:

We will not be accepting any child into school who has the symptoms of Coronavirus or who has a family member with the symptoms. Any family or child who does show symptoms will need to go into self-isolation with all household members for 14 days.

If your child is in school - the following protocol must continue to be adhered to:

- School uniform should NOT be worn. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing for inside and outside activities which may include some physical exercise.
- Social distancing will be adhered to whilst your child is in school.



- Thorough hand washing to take place before leaving the home and we will ensure this is reinforced regularly during the school day.
- Access to the school for students is via the main school reception doors only. Students need to sign in and out.
- Students need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and refreshments into school each day. Please note, the canteen will not be available to purchase any food.
- Students should be dropped off at school no earlier than 8.30am and must be collected by 4.00pm at the latest. The school day will continue to run from 9am to 3.45pm. I will also send you information in a separate email regarding bus services which I have received from the Local Authority.

Please can you inform the school immediately if:

- there are any changes to your contact details for family members. It is important that we can contact you quickly should your child become poorly/exhibit symptoms of contracting coronavirus.
- you no longer fall within the critical worker list or you have been asked to self-isolate.
- your child will not be attending school for normal sickness absence. Please can you telephone the school by 9am each day at the latest.

Arrangements for emergency care provision after Easter

The school will continue to be open after the Easter holidays, week commencing Monday 20 April, for emergency care provision only. If you require a place for your child from Monday 20 April to Friday 24 April inclusive, please can you email closureregistration@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk by 9am on Thursday 16 April clearly stating the dates and sessions (full day or half day) required.

In moving forward, **please can you email the school by 9am every Thursday with the dates and sessions you require your child to attend school for the following week's emergency care provision.** This should be done on a weekly basis to assist the school with its planning and organisation. We are running on a skeleton staff and must be clear on student numbers to ensure that there is adequate supervision for the number of children in school. If we do not receive an email from you by 9am each Thursday, we will assume your child does not require a place the following week.

I appreciate this is a challenging time for you and your family. I can assure you that the school is doing all that it can to care for your child and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Jonathan Knowler
Headteacher