

Whitchurch Primary School

Tavistock PL19 9SR

Coronavirus update

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents

Sadly the Government has directed all schools to close tomorrow until further notice. This is an unprecedented time for this country and I know we will continue to work together as a school community to continue to take care of each other.

For the safety of the children parents and staff it is important that all children who are able to stay at home do so.

Social distancing will help stop the spread of the virus.

From Monday we will be unable to run the school as an educational provision due to the significant reduction in the number of staff who are able to come into work.

From Monday we will provide child care provision to key workers who **are unable to provide their own provision at home**. If you are **both** key workers, as stated by the Government guidelines on the 19th March, and need to send your child to school **because you have no other alternative child care provision** please complete the form below carefully so we can plan appropriate care for your child. I need to reiterate that due to staffing levels we will not be able to provide education for your child but we will provide appropriate child care for as long as we can. Pupils who have an Educational Healthcare Plan (EHCP) may also access this provision.

If there is a parent who is not a key worker this parent must accept responsibility and look after their own child. The fewer children we are responsible for means staff is less likely to contract the illness and therefore be able to continue to provide essential childcare. My Staff are at risk of contracting the illness by coming into school.

Please note we will also only be able to supervise children who are not showing symptoms and therefore not self isolating or self isolating because of a family member with symptoms.

The school will provide information and guidance to help parents to educate their children at home. For the next week we have provided activities and information for all year groups under the parent section of the website. **When the Summer term starts on the 14th April** each class teacher will provide a weekly information sheet that will give ideas and resources to support home education. We will also be encouraging you to continue to communicate with your class teacher via email. Please ensure that you are able to access the school website and school app in order to maintain communication.

Website:- www.whitchurch-primary.devon.sch.uk

School App – go to the APP store – search for ourSchoolsApp – search for our school with postcode PL19 9SR

If you are a keyworker and require childcare for the week beginning Monday 23rd March then please complete the form below and return to school tomorrow or email the information to the school at admin@whitchurch-primary.devon.sch.uk I am sure you are aware that the situation is changing rapidly and we will keep you informed daily on any changes in provision. Please contact me directly if you have any concerns. I will be at school until 8 pm tonight.

Angela O’Shea-Warman

Headteacher

Name of parent: <i>(Please print below)</i>	What days will your child be coming into school? Monday Tuesday..... Wednesday Thursday Friday
Occupation: <i>(Please print below)</i>	Will you need breakfast club (available from 7.15 am £5) – if so on what days? Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Place of work: <i>(Please print below)</i>	Will you need after school club –(available until 6 pm - £9) – if so on what days and what time do you plan to pick up your child? Monday Time Tuesday Time Wednesday Time Thursday Time Friday Time
Name of Child: <i>(Please print below)</i>	Class: <i>(Please print below)</i>