



SKERTON
ST LUKE'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We have provided learning activities for the next few weeks on the school website under the Key Information tab as well as learning packs for children to take home.

Schools have been asked to *provide educational provision for vulnerable children and Critical Workers.*

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

Staffing in school is low and we are running a skeleton staff team rota to teach the children from Monday so if there is only 1 Critical Worker in your house and you are able to keep your children at home with a Non-critical Worker, we would ask you to do so.

We have collected information as to who the Critical Workers are who have **no other option** than to come to school over the coming weeks in order that they can continue to support our community during these times.

We are preparing for a **national emergency situation** and expect parents only to use this facility when there **is no alternative** provision.

So, moving forwards:

Learning will take place as normal. Children will be educated in similar age groups and will therefore carry out similar tasks to those being sent home.

* Early Birds will be open as usual from **7.30 till 8.45 (you must book in advance from Tuesday)**

* Night Owls will be open as usual from **3.15 till 5.15 (you must book in advance from Monday)**

* Educational provision will be available from 8:45am (registration at 9am) until 3:15pm, for identified children each day.

* We will be flexible on days and time depending on Critical Worker rotas and duties.

* Educational provision will be based in classes and parents will access the school through the KS1 entrance **as usual.**

*** Parents who have identified themselves as critical workers must bring ID or a letter from their employer.**

*** Parents must bring their children and sign them in** – please do not send children on their own, no matter their age.

*** Parents must sign the register** on collection of their children

*** Children do need to be in uniform.**

* A hot dinner will be provided for all children in school if required. Payment for those who pay is as normal on Parent Pay.

Children who have an EHCP are entitled to a place in school but "every child who can safely be cared for at home should be". Government Guidelines.

Please follow the link ([HERE](#)) to the Government definition of Critical Workers but would stress again – **this is only if you have no other alternative.**

Our provision will be reviewed regularly and may have to change due to Government advice, staff's own circumstances at home, staff illness. Please bear with us but we will keep you all informed

Please remember, if your child is staying at home then they must be 'Social Distancing' which means they must keep distant from other people including their friends and other families, or round at their friend's house. An exception to this is that children supervised by their parent/carers are encouraged to do appropriate physical activities outside

Please also note that children not attending Skerton St Luke's CE **must not** be on the school premises at any time, with the exception of children of staff working in the school.

Can I take this moment to thank all of the Skerton St Luke's Team for their amazing work in keeping going so far and putting together this offer for educational provision. Sadly, I am currently self isolating following a horrible cough but I am getting better and hope to back in school soon.

Thank you all once again for your support of our school and the patience you have shown during this difficult time!

Mrs C Armistead
Headteacher