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Great Barford C of E Primary Academy

Friday 20 March 2020 – 11.35 am

Dear Parents and Carers,

I must apologise for this very long email but can I ask you to read it through to the end very carefully, it contains very important information for all families.

Early this morning the Government published guidance for schools on maintaining education provision. This sets out the list of Key Worker categories that may be prioritised for educational provision in the period of school closure. Please see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

I have listed the key workers' that have been identified at the end of this email.

The Department of Education document states:

“Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.”

We have a list of parents we believe meet the criteria for the care that we will be providing but we need to know if you would like your child to be considered for a place. If we have not already called you, please email admin@gbpa.org.uk and state the name of your child and whether you would like to be considered or not. If we have already made contact, you do not need to email. We need this information so we so we can prepare.

If you fall in to the key worker category we will plan for your child to attend care in our school from 23 March. After Monday we will contact you about how often your child will need to access this care in accordance with the guidance.

For those children that will be accessing care in school from Monday onwards we would like them to:

- Wear school uniform
- Bring PE kits daily
- Complete the work set by the teachers via the school website in school
- Adhere to our normal values and behaviour policies
- Join in with the activities provided by our staff

Things for parents to note if their children are accessing care in school from Monday onwards:

- Before and after school care, for the time being, will run according to the normal hours and places must be booked via admin@gbpa.org.uk only
- Details for Easter holiday opening times to follow
- If your child is not in wrap around care they can come on site from 8.45am

- If your child is not in wrap around care they finish the day at 3.20
- All children will at this stage enter and leave from one of the doors under the covered area at the rear of the school
- Arrangements for school dinners to follow

Please can I refer you to yesterday's update email for details of how to access work that will be set for children from Monday 23rd March

Please note that the eschools App is not working particularly well at the moment. Please bear with it, lots of schools are trying to communicate with their families at the moment. Normal service should be resumed shortly.

We will contact you shortly with guidance for those children who normally access free school meals.

I am sorry that this has been such a long email but I hope that it makes things clear.

Kind regards,

Sarah Evans

Headteacher

Health and social care

Includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain

active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to

continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors