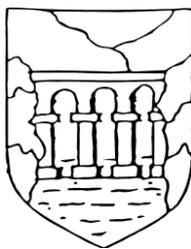


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Dear Parents and Carers

Coronavirus

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding at this difficult time.

We have now received advice about key workers and this list is detailed below, for your information. As reported yesterday, we are going to ensure we have provision for children of these key workers as of this Monday, 23rd March.

However, it is really important to stress the following advice, provided within the Government guidance:

“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 been informed that the key worker list constitutes:

- NHS staff
- Teaching and Nursery staff
- Members of the emergency services
- Those essential to running the justice system
- Workers involved in the production, processing and distribution of food
- Those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response

Please note that these parents should bring their children to school only when they need to – i.e. because they are at work and have no other suitable adult available to care for them.

We may ask for proof of occupation. Given that the key thrust of the government strategy is to prevent the further spread of the virus, we need to keep the size of our ‘social gathering’ to the minimum required, and thereby reduce the risk of spreading infection.

As requested yesterday, **if you feel you may be eligible for this provision, we request that you email Mrs Hardy (secretary@calstock.cornwall.sch.uk), explaining your job role and the anticipated dates and times you would need this care during school hours.** We will then inform you, via email, a confirmation of this arrangement. At present, I would like to reiterate that the provision which school can offer will only include breakfast club and the normal school day until 3.15pm.

Whilst in school, children will be organised into mixed-age groups and will be cared for by a combination of teachers, TAs and other school staff. The day will be planned, depending on the staff and physical resource available. Children will not be following the national curriculum but will be engaged in a variety of child care activities which could include e-learning. Further details on our planning for this will be provided to parents of key workers in due course.

If you are a key worker and your child will be attending on Monday 23rd we request the following arrival procedures:

- Children requiring Breakfast Club provision should arrive at reception, as normal. A member of staff will be there as usual. For clarification, parents will continue to be charged for this provision.
- All other children should enter school via the front outside door of Class 2, where they will be met by staff and registered. Children will not need to wear school uniform. Currently, the kitchen will be open, allowing children to have a school meal if they wish.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about your child or the safety and well-being of any child linked to our school, please email myself (head@calstock.cornwall.sch.uk), Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Mr Pengelly, Deputy DSL (jpengelly@calstock.cornwall.sch.uk).

Information for families

As previously communicated, we will continue to monitor the situation and follow the guidance published to us. Further guidance is available to families from the following dedicated helpline; Department for Education coronavirus helpline: Phone 0800 046 8687 (open from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday)

Here is a web link to the most up to date NHS Guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Guidance to individuals on signs of illness are as follows:

Anyone with a fever or persistent cough should stay at home for 14 days. This measure also extends to anyone who lives with someone displaying coronavirus symptoms. People who have to isolate themselves should ask others for help to deal with everyday necessities.

The symptoms are:

- **A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)**
- **A new, continuous cough**

Thank you once again for your support over the last few days. It is likely that there will continue to be changes and adaptations to our provision as the weeks progress and we will make sure you are kept as well informed as possible.

Very best wishes



Ben Towe

Executive Headteacher