



03.04.20 – Information for Parents Update

Dear Parents,

Dorin Park is now to offer care from Monday 20th April for those children for whom it is safer to be in school and for the children of key workers who are unable to work from home. Families will be contacted directly by the school if the risk assessment is that they are safer in school. Any family who believes their child falls into either category and wants to request care after Easter should contact school via ParentComms (parentcomms@dorinpark.cheshire.sch.uk) for a form. Please note the form must be completed and a care offer made in discussion with the family before children can be sent in.

Dorin Park closed two weeks ago because a significant number of staff became symptomatic for coronavirus in a short space of time. This included all senior staff, who have therefore been ill or in isolation for the last two weeks. Staff have done their best during this time with communication but it has inevitably been compromised by illness. The site has had a deep clean according to Government guidelines in the intervening time.

In the lead up to school closure, Dorin Park had implemented all required regulations and gone much further than this in our attempt to keep our school community safe. Unfortunately, we have still had this affect us. For this reason, I would like to reiterate the Government guidance that **"if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend."** We know some of our families have been affected by the coronavirus either directly or through the wider family and we all need to do everything we can to limit the spread, particularly in the lead up to the expected peak. For most of our children, who have underlying health conditions and/or are unable to maintain social distancing guidelines, the safest place for them and their families will be at home. For the children of key workers and those who cannot remain safely at home, we will be implementing considerable adaptations to increase their safety, which will involve much reduced group sizes to reduce contact. We have also requested additional sanitation products and safety equipment for personal care. We know how hard this period is for families; staff will be in regular contact by phone and email through this period. All of us are facing difficult times and we would ask for your continued co-operation in helping us prioritise support to our most vulnerable children and the children of our key worker staff.

If any key workers, particularly frontline health workers, are called in to work over the Easter break and need urgent care, please phone the school for assistance. A member of office staff will be available to take calls from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm on weekdays outside of bank holidays.

Regards

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