

## Information for Chadsmead “Mini-School” parents

Dear parent / carer



The government have outlined that our school should look to maintain a skeleton provision after the school shutdown on Friday 20 March. This is effectively for families where the lone parent, or both parents, are key workers, or where a child is classified as ‘vulnerable’. You have indicated that your family meets the “key worker” definition and we are therefore expecting your child at school according to the dates identified by yourself.

The government’s key principles to take forward are that:

- if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be - this provision is for a very limited number.
- it is only for those children that cannot be kept safe at home.

*It is important to recognise that:*

- this provision is day-care; it is not school-like education.
- this provision - though vital - is contrary to social distancing guidance and should not be taken lightly - both children and staff need to be kept safe and we need to reduce risks.
- this provision is not mandatory and we are open because the government has “asked” us to be however we are absolutely ready to do our bit and will continue to do so unless we are “experiencing severe staff shortages”

### Chadsmead “Mini-School” Provision

- Our “Mini-School” provision will run from 8.45am to 3.15pm.
- Children must enter and exit school through the glass corridor door
- Parents must remain in the grassed area, maintaining social distancing between families.
- Messages for school staff need to be emailed to school or phoned into school. No verbal messages will be taken on the door.
- The school office will not be open for face to face conversations. All correspondences and queries need to be emailed to school or messaged via the My Ed App.
- Children do not need to wear their school uniform.
- Children will require a “PE kit” on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Children having school dinners / Free school meals will be able to do so as indicated previously
- Children can also bring packed lunches.
- Children will be supervised at all times.
- The sessions will be based in the KS2 area of school and children will be placed in small groups to allow for social distancing.
- Normal school rules will still apply - including the use of mobile phones
- School safeguarding procedures will continue to remain the same.
- Updated contact information and collection information must be returned to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Any child showing symptoms of Coronavirus will be isolated and parents contacted.



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