

People Directorate

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Dear Families,

Today has been an emotional day for staff, children and families alike. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all staff in the school to thank you for your kind words and sentiments.

Following the letter issued by the Depute Chief Executive and Director this afternoon, I would like to clarify arrangements for Monday next week.

As stated in the letter, the school is now closed to children in order to slow the spread of Coronavirus. However, we will be providing childcare to allow critical services to continue to operate.

Where all adults in the household are designated as keyworkers (as per the authority letter), staff in school will provide childcare. It is important to note the following:

- There will be no Breakfast Club provision
- All children will require to be signed in by a member of staff at the **front entrance of the school**. Doors will open at 8:50am. Parents/carers will not be allowed to bring children in to the main part of the building. Children will be asked to wash their hands on arrival.
- Unless entitled to Free School meals, children should bring a snack and a packed lunch with them
- School closes at 3pm and collection should be from the front entrance of the school where children will be signed out by a member of staff. Early Years provision is until 3:00pm and again, parents will collect their children from the usual door when staff bring children out.
- Next week, keyworkers **MUST** make an application to a childcare provider of their choice using the allocated application form. This is not to be handed to the school but to the childcare provider.

Could I please make it clear to all parents that **this is a service for keyworkers only, as defined in the letter**.

I also wish to emphasise that staff did not know this service was running until 3pm today. They are reacting to an ever-changing situation. Teaching staff **may not be available** to answer children's enquiries on Microsoft Teams or Seesaw next week as they will be providing a service in the school at this time. Learning will focus only on the weekly grids provided with a variety of other activities throughout the day. Again, please note these are only suggested activities.

If you have any further queries, I would be happy to answer them on Monday.

Thank you once again for your patience, understanding and continued support. Although detail is correct at the time of writing this letter, it is important to recognise circumstances are changing on a daily basis.

Please keep yourself and your families safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Clarkson".

Linda Clarkson
Head Teacher

