



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Emergency Childcare

We hope all our families are keeping well and staying safe.

Half-term holiday

Due to a number of reasons, including availability of staff and site changes, **we will close to children for emergency childcare over the half-term holiday (Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May).**

When we open again on Monday 1st June, the childcare provision will be moved to our Key Stage 2 (junior building). We have increasing numbers of children who will need to access the emergency childcare next month, so we will only be able to offer Nursery children part-time childcare, that is the child's normal morning or afternoon session to those who are eligible.

If numbers in childcare increase rapidly, we will have to ask for proof of shift patterns in order to meet demand. The government guidance in regards to key workers is due to be updated before 1st June, so we do anticipate an increased demand.

We will be writing to you later this week to explain the new routine regarding drop off and collection of your child from Monday 1st June. We are busy working on risk assessments and an action plan regarding increasing our pupil numbers in childcare and for more pupils. As recent government guidance has stated, we will not be able to invite parents onto the site from Monday 1st June, but staff will meet you at the main gate and collect your child. We will need you to provide us with a collection time when you drop off your child for childcare, so that your child is escorted back to you at the main gate promptly. If you are unsure of the exact collection time, please ring the main office on Tel 01207503984 and your child will be brought out to the main gate.

It will be extremely helpful to have as much notice of sessions you require, so that we can ensure a place is available for your child.

I wanted to give you this information as soon as possible, to help you plan a way forward.

Social Distancing – Government Guidance

Parents must do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially outside of school. They must observe the same social distancing principles as adults, as far as possible.

Coronavirus Symptoms

To protect others, your child must stay at home if they or any of their household, has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). More information can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/what-to-do-if-you-or-someone-you-live-with-has-coronavirus-symptoms/staying-at-home-if-you-or-someone-you-live-with-has-coronavirus-symptoms/>

If your child presents with symptoms at school, they will be moved into a separate room with a member of staff and parents or carers will be contacted immediately. You, or a known contact will need to collect your child as soon as possible from the main entrance of the site.

Thank you as ever for your continued support. We will be touch later this week with more updates. Stay safe,

Mrs Woods

R Woods

Head Teacher