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Friday 20th March 2020

Arrangements for those pupils coming to school from Monday 23rd March 2020.

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the second letter of the day and is aimed at families whose children will be part of the smaller group of pupils continuing to attend school each day...on the basis of parents being key workers or the children being identified in our vulnerable groups. It will also make for helpful reading for all parents.

For clarity, **all other pupils must not come to school.**

Thank you to those parents who have contacted me on keyworker@cjs.derby.sch.uk or through the school office. We now have a list of pupils who we expect to be here during the partial school closure from Monday 23rd March. If you have not yet contacted, please do so through the above email address over the weekend. I will reply to all messages to confirm that your child can come to school from Monday.

Details of what the school will look like from Monday (what we know so far):

- School times will remain the same
- Drop-off and pick up arrangements remain the same
- When children arrive on Monday, they should come straight into school and meet all of the staff in the hall.
- Lunch arrangements will remain the same (Hot dinner, Packed Lunch or Free School Meal)
- Please book school meals in advance because we will need to know numbers for ordering supplies
- There will be no after-school clubs
- The Zone will still provide before and after-school care each day – but only for the children of Key Workers (please contact Sarah Woolley 07910 225663 for details)
- Breakfast Club in school will continue...depending on whether the small group of children do attend.
- Children do not need to wear school uniform – because it seems unfair whilst their friends won't have to wear the uniform at home each day (unless you make them!)
- Children would be best to wear sporty footwear (i.e. trainers) as we will do lots of active learning
- Children will still need to bring their bag with
 - their pens, pencils etc
 - home-school diaries

- PE/Games Kit
- The home learning exercise book we have given them
- Any medication which has been taken home should come back to school
- Children will need to dress for the weather (e.g. coats)
- We will be covering the daily learning from the website and then doing fun, creative activities for the rest of the day – it will not be like a normal school day because we cannot disadvantage the pupils who are not at school
- Children are asked to check the website each day
- There will be no homework for pupils attending school
- We are still available for all parents of CJS to contact us with any questions at any time
 - Email admin@cjs.derby.sch.uk (for general queries) – manned by the office staff
 - Telephone (the office) 01332 701460
 - Email keyworker@cjs.derby.sch.uk (for questions regarding eligibility to still attend school) – manned by Mr Smythe
 - Messages on class dojo – either to class teachers or Mr Smythe

We do not yet know what the Easter Holidays look like but we will be working over the next two weeks to ensure that we provide childcare for the children of Key Workers over the Easter Break. It is currently envisaged that this would be through the Zone.

I reiterate, PLEASE DO NOT ask for your child to attend school if you know that you can work from home or you do not fit any of the key sector worker criteria. If you are working at home your child **should not** come to school and should be staying at home with you.

Thank you so much to the parents who have already changed their mind about sending their child into school based upon the above request 😊

This is an ever-moving picture so we will assess the situation again on Monday. If we feel we have too many children in school to keep them safe, bearing in mind the government's advice, we may need to speak to parents of free school meals children or pupil premium children (those who also do not fit the 'key worker' criteria) about not bringing their child to school. If this would not reduce the number of pupils sufficiently, we would need to come back to all parents to ask them to demonstrate that both parents are key workers. For now, we are happy with the decisions we have made and we are pleased that the feedback we are receiving indicates that the right messages are getting to the right people.

Sincere thanks for your support and understanding. Have a lovely weekend. We'll be in touch next week (if not before!)

Yours faithfully



Mr Alex Smythe
Head teacher