

## Clewer Green CE Aided First School

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'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Dear Parents,

Further to my email this morning, you may be surprised to hear that no further information has been provided by the DfE with regards to the statement that schools are to close as of tomorrow afternoon, nor has the Local Authority, but they at least have issued some advice.

So, the current situation is as follows with some points of clarification over terminology:

- Schools will be closed to all pupils with the exception of children of keyworkers or those children who are considered to be vulnerable.
- Vulnerable means children who have an Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs), are a Looked After Child, a child whose parents are claiming benefits and entitled to Free School Meals or children who are on Child Protection or Child in Need Plans.
- Free School Meals are not the same as Universal Free School Meals for each child in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 which they receive on a normal school day.
- The Government still have not issued clarification over who is classified as a Keyworker.
- Schools will need to provide childcare for the children of the above groups at least through to and including the Easter holidays.
- If you are a keyworker but have a partner who is working from home or able to rearrange working patterns so that they can work from home, then your partner will be expected to look after your children (we are still seeking clarification on this point).

Once we have ascertained which parents will be eligible for this we will write (via email) to those parents seeking validation of your role and organisation and with details of how the day will be shaped although we anticipate this will be drop off between 7:45 and 8:00 am, a possible pick up and drop off at 12:30 pm and pick up at 4:30 and 5:30 pm as is currently the case with our Breakfast and After School Clubs. There may well be some rationalisation of a number of schools offering this over the coming weeks and we would also accept siblings who are at Middle School within the care provided here at Clewer Green.

The self-isolation rules remain the same which should mean that any suspected cases mean that the whole family isolate for fourteen days.

As mentioned we have not had any information from the DfE and this may well change as and when (or if) we do hear anything from them and I apologise for being vague in some of what is written here.

Again, thank you for continuing support and understanding and please stay well.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Tinsley". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Martin Tinsley  
Headteacher