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EVENING UPDATE

Newsletter 15. 18th March 2020

Parents and Carers,

I am sure that many of you are concerned about the implications of what Mr Johnson has just announced regarding school closures.

As a school we are now expected to stay open for 'Key workers' and 'Vulnerable children', but have no definition of what these groups actually mean. We are therefore working hard to get some clarification from someone from Government or the Local Authority.

In the meantime, can I please urge you to email me this evening if both parents/carers in the household are deemed to be 'Key Workers'. My interpretation of this is currently

- Clinical [National Health Service](#) staff (except doctors and dentists)
- [Teachers](#) and [nursery nurses](#)
- [Police officers](#), [Community Support Officers](#) and some civilian police staff
- [Prison officers](#) and some other Prison staff
- [Probation Service](#) staff
- [Social workers](#), [educational psychologists](#), and therapists
- [Local Authority Planners](#)
- [Firefighters](#)
- [Connexions](#) Personal Advisers
- Some [Ministry of Defence](#) personnel
- [Environmental Health Officer](#)
- Highway Agency [Traffic Officers](#)

However, I believe it may also include Care Home workers and Delivery drivers!

We are trying to gauge how many children we would need to cater for from Monday. We would also need to know whether you would

need to have wraparound care as well (Woodepckers)

Please email me asap with your child's name, class, your occupation (if a key worker) and what care you would need for your child/ren.

Head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Please do not email tonight if you are not a key worker.

In terms of 'Vulnerable', we are assuming that if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding or you have an allocated Social Worker, your child is vulnerable! If you feel you need childcare from Monday, please email me as well.

At the present time, I cannot totally reassure parents we will have everything in place for Monday, so it may be that we shut on Friday at 6pm and then open for specific children at a given time and date.

I will need to ensure that we have

- Safe staffing ratios
- Catering facilities
- Cleaners
- Adequate toilet rolls and hand sanitisers!
- Office staff
- Adequate Senior Leadership Cover, as they are also Designated Safeguarding Leads.

As you can imagine, the announcement has caused a great deal of frustration to not only you as parents, but us as professionals as the guidance is not clear.

I will contact you all again tomorrow, but in the meantime please email me if we need to consider a place for your child/ren.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Gary Tucker



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Pastoral Support

<https://www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/north-cotswold-foodbank>

We are aware that several families use the Foodbank at St Michael's. They have indicated that they will endeavour to stay open. However, this depends upon the number of volunteers they have available. If you do need vouchers, please speak to Mrs McNamee as soon as possible so that you have vouchers for the time that school and Little Chestnuts may be shut.

Early Help

<https://www.glofamiliedirectory.org.uk/kb/5/gloucs/glofamilies/home.page>

Citizen's Advice

<http://gloscab.org.uk/cheltenham/>

Thank you for your continued support and I will be in contact with any further updates in the coming days.



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