



Overfields Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As you know, for the majority of our families, today will be the last day in school until we receive further advice from the government.

Recent weeks have been very testing for all of us and things will be very different for our school and its community in the coming weeks and possibly months.

School will remain open to the children of keyworkers and some more vulnerable pupils, for as long as I can provide a safe and appropriately staffed setting. We will become more of a childcare facility and what we can provide may change on a weekly basis. The government guidance is very clear that it is safer for all children to stay at home, to not socialise and that school should only be used as a last resort for those that truly need the childcare most.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles as stated by the Government:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
- 2. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.**
- 3. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.**

We have sent home packs so that children can carry on with their learning for the unknown period of time which we will be closed for. Of course, the care and welfare of you and your family is paramount and so please do not worry about working on what the school has sent home every day, it is important that you share time together such as enjoying books, playing games and doing activities together. The safety and health of our families is the priority.

We will be updating our Twitter feed (@OverfieldsPri) our website and using Marvellous Me regularly as ways of keeping in touch with you all. You can telephone school 9.00am – 3.00pm if you wish to speak to a member of staff.

The Government have asked schools to provide a daily meal for FSM pupils. Therefore all pupils who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 along with those children who are entitled to free school meals, in KS2, will be provided with a free packed lunch daily. This can be collected from the school office between 11.00 – 11.30am.

Obviously we have had to put on hold many of our in-school systems such as Reading Records, attendance awards and Pride Points. We will ensure pupils are rewarded for their year so far at Overfields on our return.

Thank you all for your support, understanding and patience. What is happening in our country at the moment is unprecedented and we are trying to work our way through it. The children, as always, are a credit to school and to their families and we hope that you all stay safe and well over the coming days and months. Please turn over for a message from the Ironstone Academy Trust CEO Mr Faulkner.





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