



Emersons Green Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience at this time - here is the plan for school openings for the week. As the current situation stands the school will be open for key workers and vulnerable pupils next week. This is an ever evolving situation and we are planning on a week by week basis, simply because we will be reliant on staff availability/wellness.

Keyworker:

Please read the information released last night/this morning about school closure/opening;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

“... the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.”

The above information makes it clear that wherever possible children should stay at home and we urge you to take note of this to help protect not only your own family but also our staff and their families.

If you believe you are a key worker and you have not yet informed us of this, please do so. At some point we may need to ask you for evidence of this if our capacity to cover the pupils of key workers is reduced.

The school day:

School will be opening and closing at the normal times with all children being dropped off and collected from the main school playground. **Children will be required to bring their home learning packs into school** as this will form part of the learning they are

completing when here. This will be coupled with the Jo Wicks daily work out session, allocated laptop session and more creative/relaxed afternoon activities.

Children **MUST** wear school uniform on the days they are in school & bring their water bottle. A packed lunch will be provided by the school kitchen however, those children with allergies will need to bring their own lunch as the schools meals provider does not have capacity to manage this currently. It is not yet clear how we will book lunches or pay for them, as soon as we have this information we will let you know.

MOOSC are continuing to offer a before and after school club for key worker children, you will need to contact them directly to register for a place, they have agreed to waive the registration fee.

Staying in touch:

When the school closes today we will continue to respond to emails and where possible will be manning the school office. Should you have any questions, please contact us by email where possible and recognise that we may be working with a limited staff so response time may be slightly longer than you are used to.

If you are parent of a child with an EHCP and you are thinking of changing your arrangements with regards keeping them home please can you let the school office know as soon as possible please so we can ensure there are staffing levels to enable this.

As before, please make sure you continue to practice social-distancing and make sure you are washing your hands as often as possible.

We will be in touch about the Easter holidays over the next few weeks, this is something we are still working on and we have had little guidance on this from the Government so far.

Thank you again for your support at this time.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Karl Hemmings' and the signature on the right is 'Soraya Young'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karl Hemmings & Soraya Young