



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

FOR KEY WORKER PARENTS

The clear message is for schools to CLOSE to protect the children and their families. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. This 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. Schools are being asked to provide care for a limited number of children.

Please follow these key principles

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- Schools as they normally run are closed.
- Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.
- 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.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 may also be able to ensure their child is kept at home, and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. Places may need to be prioritised for children who have both parents working in frontline medical positions.

The school day will start at 8.55am and end at 3.15pm. **Please be aware that we are not operating in the usual manner. Your child's class teacher may not be in school if they are unwell or self-isolating.** Staffing will be organised in a slightly different way with activities provided. The children will also be organised in to mixed groups and will be working in restricted areas of the school to ensure that cleaning of these areas can be thoroughly undertaken every day. We have reduced cleaning staff due to the coronavirus.

LUNCH - If your child is on Free School meals and if they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they will receive a packed lunch. If your child is in Year 3 and 4 they will need to bring a PACKED LUNCH.

If your child normally attends Children's Choice breakfast club /wraparound or after school club please see letter on school website - sadly they have closed in these difficult circumstances.

Parents must be aware that 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. I would urge you to think carefully before sending your child to school as more cases of the coronavirus will inevitably evolve in the next week or two.

I also need to advise you that we need to monitor the situation on a daily basis for staff or children who are ill and if our staffing has to be reduced we will have to review the capacity we offer. If that were to happen your child may be offered a place in another school /setting in the Local Authority if you can not look after them at home.

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