



## Winwick CE Primary School

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### PROVISION OF CARE DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parents/Carers,

This afternoon at 3.20pm, the school will be closing its doors for the majority of pupils in order to support our country to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The Government have asked parents/carers to keep children at home, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend. Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children; children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

Yesterday evening, the Government produced guidance as to who would be classed as a key worker. Parents/carers whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in [their guidance](#). 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; for example, families of key workers where one parent/carer is not classed as a key worker.

Over recent weeks, and in particular since the announcement about schools closures, school leaders and staff have been working tirelessly to ensure that home learning is in place for those children who are staying at home; staff will continue to do so for the duration of school closure. We advise anyone caring for children at home to provide them with as much routine and structure as you can, whilst utilising the resources provided to support you during this time. We also understand that it is important to have time as a family and do not expect every single task in our learning resources to be completed; we have provided a wide range of activities and resources so that children have a varied choice of subjects/types of activities that they could complete.

With regard to on-site provision, in order to ensure that school are able to provide care for those children who cannot be safely cared for at home, school have taken the following steps;

- Contact made with parents/carers to establish which children require on-site provision of care
- Risk assessment of school's capacity to provide on-site care, including first aid provision, whilst ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our staff, which is also extremely important
- Liaising with our external providers to ensure that we are able to provide food services to those children who will be in our care, as well as for our most vulnerable children/families who are also entitled to this support – as further guidance is still coming in with regard to this point, we will issue further details at a later time with more details about how school will provide this

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**Information for those children attending school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

<b>School Opening Times for children:</b> <b>8.45am to 3.20pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children should be dropped off and collected via the main entrance.</li> <li>As we are needing to run on a skeleton staff, we are unable to offer our usual breakfast and after-school club provision. We also need to ensure that we are able to deep clean the school daily; this will be done before and after these times to have as much social distancing for our support staff.</li> </ul>
<b>Meal Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School will provide children with breakfast when they arrive in school and a meal at lunch time, we will endeavour to ensure that this is a hot meal wherever we can.</li> <li>School will also provide children with a daily snack and water/milk/juice.</li> <li>If you are planning on providing your child with a packed lunch, please email the school as soon as possible: <a href="mailto:winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk">winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to this unprecedented situation, the Government have issued guidance which states that the role of schools during this time is to provide care for those children who are in need and are not required to deliver the National Curriculum.</li> <li>For those children who are on-site, we ask that children bring in the resources that they have been given for home learning, as these are the activities they will be doing while they are in school. We will try to keep as much routine as possible with regard to timings of the school day so the children have consistency.</li> <li>We will also ensure that children are given regular opportunities for exercise throughout the week.</li> </ul>
<b>Uniform/Clothing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children do not need to wear their uniforms. They should come into school in comfortable clothes that are suitable for taking part in physical activity.</li> <li>Children should also wear their trainers.</li> <li>Children will also need their coats.</li> <li>Children must bring their own water bottles into school each day.</li> </ul>
<b>Staffing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure that we have a contingency plan in case of staff illness, staff will be working in two teams who will alternate their time in school.</li> <li>Each team will include at least one member of the Senior Leadership Team and two first aiders (including paediatric first aid). Subject to members of staff being well.</li> <li>Should staff absence due to sickness/self-isolation increase, school will review provision and endeavour to keep the school open. If this is not possible, school will contact the Local Authority who will arrange provision for children.</li> </ul>
<b>Safeguarding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our school has two Designated Safeguarding Leads; Mrs Dymond and Mrs Duckett.</li> <li>During school closure one, or both, will be on-site, subject to both members of staff being well.</li> <li>If you have a concern linked to any aspect of Safeguarding linked to one of our pupils, please email the school office: <a href="mailto:winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk">winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For parents whose children are being cared for by school, please email the school <b>by 8.00am each morning</b> to let us know if your child will be attending that day.  <a href="mailto:winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk">winwick_primary@warrington.gov.uk</a></li> <li><b>DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL OR LEAVE AN ANSWERPHONE MESSAGE</b></li> <li>Where parents/carers are key workers, when not in work during school time, we ask that children learn from home on these days to help minimise any potential spread of infection.</li> </ul>
<b>Absence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For parents whose children are being cared for by school, if your child is going to be absent from school that day, please email the school <b>by 8.00am each morning</b> to let us know as this may mean we can reduce staffing numbers.</li> <li><b>DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL OR LEAVE AN ANSWERPHONE MESSAGE</b></li> </ul>
<b>Illness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-line with guidance, if your child develops a temperature or a new, continuous cough, please DO NOT send them into school and follow Government guidance that the child and anyone in the house-hold should self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>Should your child develop these symptoms during the school hours, following Government guidance, we will ask you to collect your child as soon as possible and will separate the child from others until they are collected.</li> </ul>

We are aware that the Government may call upon a range of people to support and become key workers. If your circumstances change, and you are in need of childcare, please email the school office:  
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### **Monitoring of Absence/Illness**

Although the majority of our children are learning from home, we still need to know if children become unwell with general illness, if they become unwell and need to self-isolate and/or if the child is well but the family is self-isolating. This information is required as we have been asked to update the Local Authority DAILY, who are in-turn updating Central Government, so that they are able to monitor and track the ongoing Coronavirus situation in our country.

### **Access to Foodbanks**

Earlier this week, we sent out information regarding access to Foodbanks/Foodbank vouchers for those families who may need this support over the coming weeks. All of this information can be found on our website within the School Closure information, and can still be accessed via School PING.

### **Food Support Information – Pupil Premium Children ONLY**

For families that have children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium, as we are still awaiting confirmation of Government guidance and this area is still unclear, we will be in contact with all of our families on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

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As you can appreciate, these are challenging times and school is working at capacity to deal with the information we are given from the Government, which in some cases has been changing on a daily basis. We are working as quickly as we can to provide our families with the information that you need linked to provision of care/school closure and thank all of those parents/carers who have emailed in/spoken with staff to pass on your appreciation about the work that we are doing. We will continue to communicate with you via School PING and the school website, so please check these sources regularly.

On behalf of the whole Winwick Team, we send our thoughts and prayers to you all during these troubling times and hope to see everyone as soon as we are given guidance that schools are able to open.

Thank you for your continued support.

**The School Leaders and Whole Winwick Team**

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