

Dear Parent and Carer

**Special opening from Monday 23 March.**

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

The government have asked us to remain open **ONLY** for children of critical workers and vulnerable children where we can, we have limited spaces. We are grateful to all of these key workers who are looking after us all. In return, our staff team are also going to offer provision for your child / children. It is critical to note, however, that this provision should **ONLY** be taken up if there are no other alternatives. One parent working from home **IS** an alternative.

Pike Fold places have been allocated and will be reviewed weekly, unfortunately we have had to prioritise these places. If you have not been allocated a place you may wish to contact the LA to attend an alternative school setting. Our allocation has been based upon the fact that services can continue to function, whilst reducing the number of children travelling to school and in educational settings, to reduce the spread of the virus.

Government advice is that ***“Every child who can be safely cared for at HOME should be”***.

Please note that provision will not be the normal education offer. We will do our best to provide continuity of learning for all children, whether at home or in school, but the provision in school is likely to be more akin to childcare than a normal timetable.

Please **do not** send your child in on Monday if you have not received confirmation of a place as we cannot accommodate. You would be placing other children and staff, including your child at risk. May I politely remind you that we have a zero tolerance policy and will not under any circumstances tolerate abuse to staff or abuse on social media.

We ask that everyone show patience and understanding in this extremely challenging situation.

**IMPORTANT:**

- Pupils attending must be in full school uniform, as normal.
- Unless your child receives a Free School Meal, please ensure you have ordered a meal or provided a packed lunch
- The school day is as follows: Open from 9.00am until 3:00pm

**Free School Meals**

If your child has a Free School Meal, we are arranging a sandwich, biscuit and fruit. This will be collected at various points throughout the lunch period from the community entrance. More information will be provided in an additional letter.

Pike Fold Primary School will be closed to the majority of students from Monday 23 March, but we are in no way closed in terms of our ongoing care, support and kindness.

With Best Wishes

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