Lockdown Update Newsletter

Dear Families,

I know it will have been a very different sort of Easter break but I hope you all managed to stay safe. Our heartfelt love and thoughts go out to those of you who have been affected by this virus either within your network of friends and family or for you personally.

As you will have heard over the Easter holidays, it is looking very likely that the lockdown will be continuing for at least the next 3 weeks. During this time we will telephone you each week on a Monday and a Friday. This call is to make sure that you and your child are okay and to offer you support and a listening ear. Please note, that these calls will be made a withheld telephone number.

Arrangements in School for Summer Term 1

The situation in school is that we will continue to offer care provision for the children of our families who are keyworkers. These will form our priority group and we will endeavour to offer the number of days required for our keyworkers to continue their usual work pattern for as long as we are able.

We will also endeavour to offer some respite care for those families who are in need of it, following discussion with social care and/or risk assessment. This respite care will be limited by the number of children and families identified and also, the number of staff available. Therefore this will mean that children will be offered a limited number of days and these could be subject to change.

Whilst your child is in school it is highly likely that they will not be with staff who know them well all of the time. Therefore it is imperative that you let us know of any information which would affect their time in school.

Due to the needs of the children we will be unable to implement social distancing although we have tried to limit the number of children in classrooms. Staff are undertaking frequent handwashing and remaining vigilant around hygiene.

I cannot stress enough how important it is that you do not send your child to school if they, or a member of your household is showing any mild symptoms. It is so important that we do not put anyone at unnecessary risk during these uncertain times.

If we suspect that your child is displaying illness or any unusual symptoms, then please expect to be contacted to come and collect your child straight away.

We know that we will need to further step up our disinfecting and cleaning of toys, surfaces and shared areas and in order to provide time for this we will be finishing school at the slightly earlier time of 3.00 p.m. from the week beginning 27th April. If this causes you significant difficulty, please let us know.

We will inform transport of your child’s days and the earlier finishing time.

Just a reminder we are closed on Friday 8th May for the Bank Holiday.

Social Media

We have also updated our website to make it easier for you to find work ideas. Each class now has its own activities and ideas on the website in the ‘homeworking’ area. We hope you find this easier to use.

Thank you for your beautiful pictures that you have sent us of your children doing their learning. They are so lovely and they brighten our day…please keep sending them in! You can find them on our Facebook page.

We have also been updating our Twitter page and if you would like to follow us or share posts with us, you can find us at @KelfordSchool.

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Big Thank You

We continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of you all and of our wider community. Thank you, to you all, for everything you are doing in support of us. Today, we had an amazing donation of food and money to keep us all going whilst we are at school! Our local community have gone above and beyond for our young people and staff. Follow our Twitter and Facebook Posts for the details.

Education, Health and Care Plans (Annual Reviews)

As you may know the Annual Review is a statutory process which ensures that the provision at Kelford School continues to meet your child’s needs. Even though everything is being affected by the Corona Virus and Lockdown we still have to make sure that these reviews happen as this ensures that your child’s needs can still be met at our school. Your child’s Teacher will be in touch with you this Summer Term to discuss your views and thoughts about your child’s education and review the plan. Your child’s Teacher will be in touch to arrange a telephone meeting and you will be asked to complete the Parental Views section prior, however, if you prefer to talk this through with your child’s Teacher, this can done over the phone also.

Stay Safe

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any point and thank you all for your continued support – please stay safe!

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