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School Closures and Partial Opening

As you will be aware, after yesterday's late announcement schools have been asked to close to everyone except children of key workers and vulnerable children from Tuesday 5th January 2021.

We need to do all we can to stop the spread of COVID 19. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. 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 further.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home.

We have now had clarity as to who we will be able to come into school during the closure period. This is the guidance as of 31st December that we will follow, to determine who school will provide care for. I have attached the list below.

Key workers have been defined as working within:

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Key Public service (justice systems, those responsible for the management of the deceased, those delivering front line service, journalist and broadcasters who are providing a public service broadcasting)
- Local and National government (only administrative occupations essential to the delivery of the COVID 19 response, working in benefits, arms length bodies)
- Public Safety and National security
- Transport (Those who keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport operating)
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If one of you works within one of these sectors, you need to confirm with your employer if your role is critical in addressing the COVID 19 pandemic.

Please do not ask the school to make exceptions – if you do not fit the categories described above, your child/children cannot attend school.

Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. Our offer to parents and carers means there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so. For vulnerable children, your child's social worker will work with you to assess the best option for your child.

If children are in school, I anticipate that we will have a reduced staff. We are all in the same position as you, and we have to follow the government guidance about self-isolation if our health requires us to.

With this in mind, the children will not be in their usual classroom and will be working with other children from across the school in two bubbles. (Infant and Junior) The risk of transmitting the virus will be higher than previously, as different children will be attending on different days and numbers will fluctuate.

If you belong to one of the groups shown overleaf, you are now required to complete the form found at the bottom of this letter and return it to school by 12.00pm. Wednesday 6th. This can be emailed to the school office at admin@yorkley.gloucs.sch.uk or dropped in with your child(ren) if they are already booked in.

Other arrangements:

School hours will be 9a.m. – 3a.m. daily as from Wednesday 6th January. There will be **no** Breakfast Club or after school provisions. Children will be required to wear school uniform Monday, Wednesday and Friday. P.E kit should be worn on Tuesday and Thursday.

All Infant children need to access the school through Mrs Woods side gate between 8.50a.m. – 9.00a.m.

All Junior children need to access school through the side Junior entrance (by class 3) 8.50a.m. – 9.00a.m.

Infant collection will be at the main entrance – through Mrs Woods gate.

Junior collection will be at the side entrance.

Home Learning – Class Dojo:

Starting Monday 11th, Teachers will be setting daily English and Maths tasks for each year group. All other subjects will be set weekly. Logins can be re-sent for NumBots and TT Rockstars if requested. Other resources will also be sign-posted as previously. Any child who is SEND / on a My Plan will get differentiated work uploaded to their profile.

Staff may not respond to enquires / messages each day as they are on a rota basis for being in school with key worker / vulnerable children.

I fully appreciate that this has all come at the last minute. I would ask you to be mindful of the fact that this has also challenged us as a school and remember that we are doing our very best to support not only parents and children of Yorkley, but our own families and our wider local community.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support.

Mrs K Burke
Head Teacher

Key messages from DfE guidance:

- *If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.*
- *..... 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.*
- *... fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.*
- *If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.*

PLEASE COMPLETE AND BRING IN WITH YOUR CHILD. WITHOUT THIS FORM, CHILDREN CAN'T ATTEND

Family Name:	Child 1:	Class:
	Child 2:	Class:
	Child 3:	Class:

Child protection and welfare needs: Yes / No

CIN plan

CP plan

LAC

Young carers

EHCP*

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)

- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

Please highlight or write which area of work you work in:

Employer Confirmation

The guidance states that if workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

Name of Employer:

Work pattern:

<p>Days you require your child in school</p> <p>Full time / Part Time (Morning or Afternoon)</p> <p>Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday – Friday –</p>	<p>Start and finish times</p>
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