

20th March 2020

Dear parent / carer,

PLEASE READ: URGENT REPLY REQUIRED

We will be partially open from Monday 23rd March to provide support for children of key workers and other specified pupils **who absolutely need to attend**. There is a document in the 'COVID-19 ADVICE' section of the school website (NEW Government Guidance for Education 20.3.20) which describes more specifically how this will be approached and to whom it could apply. To summarise, these are some excerpts from the document:

- **If children can stay at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**
- **The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk the virus can spread.**
- **Schools are 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 ... Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home.**
- **Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category (e.g. elderly grandparents)**
- **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Please remember that the ongoing Public Health England advice also applies and so parents should continue to self-isolate for the specified period if they or their children show any of the identified symptoms (cough, temperature). Due to the increasing risk of infection to the staff and pupils who may be on site at the same time over the next period of time, I would ask that you pay particular attention to this. I am determined that we minimise risk for any adults or children who will necessarily be together in school and aim to minimise the number of people on site at any one time. The children of families who are following social distancing measures due to underlying medical conditions would also clearly not be attending.

We will have some limited staffing in place to supervise and support learning; any pupils who need to attend will have access to computers so they can follow the same online learning provision as their peers. A limited menu will be available in the canteen and the Local Authority have agreed to continue school transport, at least initially. We will follow the normal school day timings and uniform will be optional.

If you need to access this provision and you meet the criteria in the 'NEW Government Guidance for Education' document on our website then please email (admin@weobleyhigh.hereford.sch.uk) or call the school straight away (deadline Saturday 21st March 4pm) with the following information:

- Name of child / children
- Category under which you qualify
- Which days your child cannot be safely cared for at home and will need to attend

I apologise for the quick turnaround however this guidance was released late last night and we are to start the provision on Monday. I'm aware that the days you may require access may change however ideally we would need to know in advance.



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Once again, thank you for your support and cooperation at this challenging time. Although I'm aware that this will be a necessary last resort for families, we will continue the best provision we can in school during this period to support those who really need it due to the critical nature of their work.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Williams', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Dean Williams