

Tuesday, 07 April 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

COVID 19 update

Firstly, I want to say a huge thank you to all our parents who are NHS staff or other critical workers and to say that we all stand beside you as you fight to keep everyone protected and tend to those in greatest need.

Secondly, I also want to thank all those parents who are following the guidance from the government and keeping their children at home. As a parent myself, I know how difficult it can be to keep children occupied at home and deal with the upset of not being able to see other family members or friends.

It is important to underline that schools remain safe places for children. But the 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. I know so many of you are resisting the temptation to send your child to school so that you can get on with some work at home uninterrupted – we are really grateful for this.

**Therefore, to limit the chance of the virus spreading, every child who can be safely cared for at home, should be.** In addition, the staff who will be in school, will be away from their families and will be putting themselves in a potentially dangerous situation – **please think carefully before requesting a place.**

We are asking you to indicate what emergency child care you need between Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Please could you send an email to [enquiries@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk), include:

- Email title – **Key Worker Childcare**
- Child's name
- The dates you require child care between 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Child's lunch time arrangements

Currently, the kitchen staff are able to provide hot lunches during the two weeks, but this may change due to staffing issues, we will let you know as soon as the situation changes.

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I know that some of the front line NHS staff are not getting their shifts until the week before, if it makes it easier for you we can operate a week in advance, just let us know when you find out.

Thank you to all those parents who have followed the guidance in place and made our job of looking after your children as easy as it can be.

Kind regards

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