

### Barlow, Burton Salmon and Chapel Haddlesey Federation

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# Coronavirus update - Quick response required please.

Dear Parents,

My apologies in the delay of getting this to you, we have been waiting for information from the Government.

## KEY MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT - If possible, keep your child at home.

The government have asked schools to stay open ONLY for those children who absolutely need to attend. These are classed as children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

The list of workers is incredibly broad. We were told on Wednesday that we should expect 10% of our school roll to attend for childcare reasons. Due to the broad nature of the list, we are looking at about 50% of our school roll being eligible to attend. This number is very high and not only contradicts the government's predictions, but also defeats the object of closing the schools as social interaction will remain high.

Please note that it is childcare only that we are offering, our purpose has changed during this crisis. Therefore, before booking in for school-based childcare, I would like to appeal to parents who only have one partner who is a key worker: <a href="mailto:endeavour to keep them at home">endeavour to keep them at home</a>. This supports the government policy of reducing numbers in school and therefore reducing possible spread of infection. This will also help us to keep the schools open should staff become ill themselves.

# So, what does that mean across our federation?

If, as a parent, you are a 'key worker' (see definition attached) or your child has an EHCP, (Education Heath Care Plan and you will know if your child has one), or you have social care involvement, we will **try** to accommodate your child in school. This will be a **childcare provision and not education provision**. This will be a fluid situation that could possible change daily.

At this moment in time, we have enough staff that are well and in a position, with their own personal circumstances, to work with these children. Obviously, this is a dynamic situation that could change quickly if school staff or their families become poorly and have to self-isolate. We are reviewing this on a daily basis.

School meals will be provided as normal for the time being.

More details about which staff will be with your child, uniform and wraparound care will be issued later today. Please DO NOT ring school for this information as the admin team are busy preparing contingency plans.

For now, please act quickly and return the table below before 3.00pm today ONLY IF YOU NEED CHILDCARE IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. You can do this in a number of ways:

• Print off and return to school via Reception

Copy into an email and send to <a href="mailto:sbm@barlowhaddleseyfederation.co.uk">sbm@barlowhaddleseyfederation.co.uk</a>

Ring school and dictate to us and we will fill it in for you:

Barlow: 01757 618319

Burton Salmon: 01977 672405 Chapel Haddlesey: 01757 270282

We aim to support and serve our communities if we can but please work with us and again, keep your child at home if you can.

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Suzanne MacDonald

**Executive Headteacher** 

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## Care Provision for the next two weeks only at this stage

Name of child/ren:

School:

Year group:

Please tick the sessions you require – For now, Breakfast Club and Out of School will operate as normal so please book in as usual. The timings of the school day are also the same. We understand this will be fluid for shift workers and we will re-issue the table after Easter. **Please fill in for the next 2 weeks.** 

	Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 W/B – 23/03/20	Breakfast Club					
	AM					
	Lunch Required – ✓ or X					
	PM					
	Out of School Club					
Week 2 W/B - 30/03/20	Breakfast Club					
	AM					
	Lunch Required – ✓ or X					
	PM					
	Out of School Club					

## Reason why your child will be attending school on certain days:

Please be very detailed and include your job role, employer, working pattern over the next 2 weeks, why your partner cannot care for your child, plus any other information you think we might find helpful.

#### Key Information to help you decide if we will look after your child for you:

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

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 distributers of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare. This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the 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, and 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 COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's 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 COVID-19 pandemic), 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 This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems 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 COVID-19 response, as well as 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 and waste disposal sectors.

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.