



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support following last night's announcement from the Prime Minister.

We are now in a position to inform you that we have set up systems to allow children of Critical workers to book a place in one of our Key Worker groups. Please note that as we are in the position of trying to reduce contact between children and adults in order to reduce transmission levels of the virus that you should only book a place

- 1) if you are a genuine critical worker (defined as **Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response**)
- 2) if you have absolutely no alternative child care options

The advice from Government is that **if children can stay safely at home they should do, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

Schools have been asked to remain open **only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

With this in mind could I please ask all key workers to think carefully about whether your children do have to come into school over the weeks up to February half term.

We understand that some key workers will have no alternative but to send their children into school for some days. In order to help with our planning and to ensure staffing levels, can we please ask that if you do need to book a place this should be done via the SchoolMoney (Eduspot) app.

A few points to note:

- Children in the Key Worker group must be in full school uniform (unlike the lockdown last March/April these will be fully educational days)
- Children need to bring their own packed lunch/drinks (unless they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 or entitled to free school meals - we will provide a packed lunch for these children). Lunch will be between 12 noon and 1pm. This will be covered by our regular midday supervisors.
- The Key Worker group will run from 9am to 3pm - children are expected to attend for the full day.

We will also be opening Woody's for Key Worker children only which again can be booked via SchoolMoney. Woody's will be open 8am to 9am (£5 including breakfast) and 3:00pm to 4pm (£4) or 3pm to 5pm (£8) (no tea will be provided so children may want to bring a snack if they are going to be there until 5pm - a drink and biscuit WILL be provided.)

So in summary, please book a place via SchoolMoney only if you are a critical worker parent with no alternatives for childcare. If you are booking a place please adhere to the bullet points above.

A letter regarding home learning will follow shortly.

And finally, thank you for your patience and understanding and for appreciating that although none of us wanted this 'lockdown' we are all in it together and all playing our part in trying to eradicate this virus as soon as possible.

Please stay safe.

P. Mullins
Headteacher

