

Dear Parents / Carers

First of all, thank you once again for your continued support. This is an unprecedented global health emergency and as schools, we have been called upon to provide childcare to:

1. Our most vulnerable children, to ensure that they have a safe place to be and so that we care for them
2. Children of key workers, to allow those workers in our communities to continue working and stop people from unnecessary suffering and from dying.

Our schools will close today 20 March 2020 for all students. On Monday 23rd March we will open as childcare providers only to the children of key workers and vulnerable children. The activities provided in the day will be enrichment activities and not the national curriculum

Our response is to do whatever it takes to deliver this childcare.

We are expecting further correspondence from Sheffield City Council and we will share this with you as soon as it is available.

Key workers children

With the release of information regarding key workers, schools are still gathering numbers of children that we expect in school from Monday 23rd March. We have issued a survey to all parents and ask that you complete this to help us know whether you are a key worker and wish to use the school as childcare. If you completed the form before the full list of key workers was issued and wish to alter your answer please recomplete the form. [your school letter will have provided a link to this survey]

Vulnerable children

We want to ensure our most vulnerable children have a safe place to be.

We have started to identify who our most vulnerable are and will be in contact with you shortly. If you have concerns that your child is vulnerable but not on the list included in announcements from Government or Sheffield City Council please contact your headteacher.

Will my child be provided a meal if attending school?



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Yes we will continue to provide a meals for children in our schools (key workers and vulnerable children) but with a reduced menu. Payment for meals will be as normal with free school meals or payment as applicable

We aim to continue our breakfast clubs. However we will now be unable to allow parents to attend.

My child normally receives free school meals but will no longer be in school – will a meal be provided?

[For Monday 23rd grab bags of food will be available at the school from 12-1pm. Please contact the school by 10.30am if you would like to collect a grab bag and are eligible for free school meals]. Please note Tapton & Bradfield schools are unable to provide grab bags on Monday so we are aiming to issue vouchers as soon as possible.

We are currently looking at options for the provision of free school meals to students who are eligible. This may be [daily or weekly grab bags of food, or food vouchers for local supermarkets].

My child is attending should they wear uniform?

Uniform will not be required, please wear sensible clothing for activities within school.

Will you be taking a register?

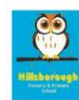
Yes, we will take registers of children twice a day.

If you have indicated that you expect your child to be in school and then is off ill or circumstances change – please contact the school to inform them of the absence. This will enable us to contact you if we were expecting your child in school and they don't attend.

If you are a key worker but have not told us you wish to use the childcare then we will not contact you for non attendance

What is the school start and end times?

The start and end times will remain the same (add school detail). However if you wish only to use a reduce number of hours of childcare in the school please contact the headteacher to make arrangements. We can offer reduced hours but not extended hours.



My child will be attending school and has medical needs will these still be catered for?

Yes, where we have provided support previously this will continue. If for any reason we have to stop this service, ie to shortages of staff, we will contact you in advance

Other children

We are providing online resources on enrichment activities for children

We will keep our website up to date with the latest government guidance on when schools will reopen and will communicate with you as soon as we have any new on this. Currently we do not have an indication of how long normal schooling is closed.

Exams

We will issue a separate letter once we have details of the exams and assessments for GCSE and A level students.

Please continue to follow the government guidance on what you should do if you or your child is ill or self isolating as detailed on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness, however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started.
- if you live with others and you are the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus, then you must stay at home for **7 days**, but all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**.
- for anyone else in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.

Thank you for your support and if you have any question please do not hesitate to contact the school

Kind regards

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