



21st March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Coronavirus – Key Worker School Supervised Learning Provision

Thank you for contacting the School to inform us that your child will be accessing the supervised school-based learning for children of Key Workers at Gladesmore from Monday 23 March 2020.

We appreciate that this will not have been an easy decision for your family and want to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to support your child(ren) through this challenging time.

I hope that the following will provide some key information that will help this special provision work successfully.

Please read this guidance carefully:

The children will follow a learning programme that will draw upon the activities designed by staff many of which posted on 'Show My Homework'.

We will be closely following government guidance regarding **social distancing**. Pupils are required to **comply with this strictly** aiming to keep everyone safe.

Children should wear a relaxed school uniform; pupils can wear training shoes and do not have to wear ties.

The school day will run from **8.40am to 3.00pm.**

We understand that you may want to drop off or collect your child within these hours. We are happy to accommodate this to make it easier for you. For example, your child could arrive at 11.00am or be collected at 2:15pm.

Your child does not have to attend school every day. If you can provide care for your child at home on some days, please do. **If your child can stay at home, they should.**

In order to minimise the number of people accessing the School, parents should not accompany their children into the School. Children should enter the school via the entrance in Crowland Road and report to the Success Lounge.

We have planned to prepare lunches for the children. However, you may prefer to provide a nut-free packed lunch for your child. Children will remain on site at lunch time.



If children can be brought to school and collected by car each day that would be our **strong preference**. They can be dropped off and collected from the school entrance in Crowland Road.

Children who have permission from parents/carers to walk home alone, will be allowed to do this. However, they are required to go home directly and **must not** wait around to socialise on the streets or in the park or stop off anywhere on route.

There will **no** before or after school care for any pupils.

To help with our planning and staffing, we would greatly appreciate it if you could inform us of your planned use of the supervised school-based learning. Please email: admin@gladesmore.com at the start of each week detailing which days your child will be in school and whether the drop off/collection times will differ from the usual **8.40am – 3.00pm**.

We understand that your plans may be subject to change and you may be called into work at very short notice. Please do not worry if this is the case, simply email: admin@gladesmore.com and update us of any changes.

If your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms, please follow the government guidance regarding social-isolation. There is a minimum requirement of **14 days**.

We will be monitoring children and staff carefully on-site.

Please remember that if your child can be safely cared for at home, then they should be. The fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect individuals in wider society.

We are extremely grateful for the work our staff are continuing to provide for the children at Gladesmore.

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our **thanks and appreciation to you** for the part you are playing in our national effort to combat this disease. We know your contributions are critical to deal with this pandemic.

We are here to support.

We wish you, your families and friends well during this time. Take care of each other and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Tony Hartney CBE

