

Raysfield Infant School

Raysfield Junior School

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COVID-19 (coronavirus) update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team Raysfield have faced this week's challenges with a smile; today is our last 'normal' school day for a while as we move into a temporary phase of educating our children 'virtually' through home learning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the dedication of our staff in supporting the process this week. I am very proud to lead such a committed and positive team.

Until further notice, we will be providing on site education for those children whose parents/ carers are Key Workers, children with EHC and those who have a social worker. The government has published the following list of Key Workers. If you are a Key Worker and need your children to attend school, please write an email to office@raysfieldfederation.org.uk with the subject KEY WORKER. In the body of the email please could you copy and complete the table below:

Name of child	Year group	Will your children attend full time? If your children attends part time what days will you require?	Will you be requiring a school dinner?

This is the Government guidance.

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments 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.

Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a **limited number of children** - children who are vulnerable and **children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home**

The Government has published a list of Key Workers, which includes:

- Teachers / Teaching Assistants /Nursery teaching staff
- Front line Health and Social Care staff
- Key public services workers – those required to run the justice system, religious staff, those responsible for managing the deceased, journalists proving public service broadcasting.
- Local and national government

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

IF YOU ARE A KEY WORKER YOUR EMAIL today will enable us to generate a register, plan staff ratios and activities to keep your children busy when they are in school. We can obviously be as flexible as you need us to be, but this information will help us to plan. Please could you email by 1:00pm **TODAY**, if possible.

We would also like to confirm Breakfast Club will be open from 7:30am.

Free School Meals – THIS IS NOT THE INFANT UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child qualifies for a free school meal, and you are **NOT self-isolating** your child/children are able to attend school for lunchtime. Please arrive at 12:00. If your child qualifies for a free school meal, and you are **SELF-ISOLATING** we will endeavor to deliver you some food at lunchtime, **if you live in the local area of Yate / Chipping Sodbury.** Today we will draw up a list of who these people will be.

Can I **PLEASE** stress that our office staff are working hard to communicate the latest information to you. Please do be patient with them.

Very best wishes

Mrs Claire Hill