

20th March 2020

Re: Care provision for children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home

We have now received the government advice regarding care provision. Our provision has been based upon the fact that many families working in these sectors may be able to ensure that their child is kept at home, and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. As we are well aware there are a number of parents for whom this is impossible as they may both be critical to the COVID-19 response or are sole parents.

It is absolutely essential that you and your child follow the advice regarding social mixing where '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.' Given our skeleton provision, priority must be given to those children that cannot be looked after by other means.

Stover School will be open during term time only, for normal school hours and care will be provided from 08.30 – 16.30. Drop off will be from 08.20 and we ask that you support a prompt collection at 16.30. You will be admitted to and exited from the site through the silver gate.

Nursery to Year 6 pupils will through the wooden gates and parents may use the Prep School car-park; Year 7 to Year 13 pupils will make their way to the Sixth Form Centre and parents may use the Science car-park.

A basic packed lunch will be provided, alongside snacks and drinks through the day.

Children should come to school in home clothes and bring with them a spare change of clothes which can be used as necessary. They should also bring with them any hard copy work, including text books, that they intend to use and complete whilst at school. Access to laptops will be provided if pupils are unable to bring in their own devices.

It is important for the school to ensure that we follow our safeguarding principles and we ask that you complete the attached 'Booking In' regarding the attendance for your child and complete the contact details, above and beyond the normal details that we have on the school system. We recognise that a number of you may need to work in shift patterns, so we ask that the booking form is completed on the Friday before any commencing week. Please note that Emergency Numbers must NOT be yourselves as you may not be able to be released from your critical work.

Please provide any over the counter medicines, such as paracetamol or antihistamine with your child in a sealed envelope. These will be collected at the start of the day and returned. If your child becomes unwell we will need to ask for them to be collected in the normal manner and if they are showing any symptoms, however mild, of COVID-19 then they must be kept collected immediately. Please use the normal channels for informing us if your child is unwell and not able to attend the care provision provided.

We will do our best to provide for your children during the challenging and uncertain time.

With best wishes

Richard Notman