

Update regarding keyworkers:

At 4pm today we were given further advice from the Local Authority regarding offering places for the children of key workers.

This supercedes the letter that was sent home from school today regarding prioritisation. If you have one key worker in the family we are obliged to offer you a place in the modified provision at school from Monday.

However please note the advice from the Government remains the same:

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

*The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should**, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible. Schools should remain **open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.***

These are very difficult times for all of us and we want to support as many of our keyworkers as we can, as well as balancing this with the health and well-being of school staff and the children that we are caring for - **if you have any other option than requesting a place then please take that option.**

Please be aware that the ability to offer this service from Dothill is dependent on the availability of school staff. We will carry out a daily risk assessment of staffing to ensure that we can keep the children in our care safe.

I apologise for any confusion over this matter - we are doing our best to keep up with the constantly changing information and advice we are being given from many different sources.

The arrangements are as follows:

- School is open at 8.45am
- Please use the right hand side pedestrian gate. (This is the only gate that will be open)
- Children must be brought to school and collected from school by an adult.
- School finishes at 3.15pm
- If your child is eligible for a free school meal they will receive this as normal from a limited menu
- School dinners may be purchased as normal from a limited menu
- You may send your child with a packed lunch if you wish.

- Children do not have to wear uniform but if it makes your life easier then they can!
- Children should bring a bottle of water as normal along with their own tissues as hygiene rules still apply.
- Please note that your child will not be taught from the National Curriculum. We are offering a child care service, not an education service.
- Please note that Dohill Preschool and Childcare are open to offer before school/after school care to children of keyworkers who have accepted an offer of a place at the modified provision. (There is a charge for this phone 01952 567410)