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Key Worker - School Arrangements

Dear Parents,

Today I have collated the responses from you in respect of your requirements as a Key Worker, in light of the forced partial school closures.

Here are some details for your information:

- The children can be on site from 08.15 and there will be breakfast provided at this time. For now, there will be no charge, but this may change. The charge will be minimal. We believe that this early start is important in establishing the activities for the day, and breakfast is a good way to share the plans with the children
- There will be 3 members of staff, made up from teachers and TAs across Blakeney and Pillowell School
- A medical and permission information sheet will be posted online over the weekend. Please download and give to your child in a clearly marked envelope, so they can hand over to staff when they start next week.

Behaviour

I will expect the behaviour of all of the children to be as good as always. Staff will not tolerate incidents of poor behaviour. If it is deemed serious enough, you will be asked to collect your child early. Following this, you should have a conversation with your child, outlining the expected behaviour, and showing support for the school.

Meals

Your child may bring a snack of course to have mid-session. For the time being, if your child is staying for lunch, please provide a packed lunch for them. When I have more definite information from Caterlink, I will give you details of the limited hot food they will provide.

No sweets.

Social Distancing and Transmission

As Key Workers, your child has an entitlement to attend the school setting. However, I will be very disappointed indeed if I discover that your child, and indeed yourselves, are not ascribing to the key messages coming from the Government currently. In particular, if your child socialises closely with other children outside of the school setting, which I feel contradicts the key messages around social distancing. This includes playdates etc. We all need to take this extremely seriously, as I am sure you all are, but I also have to safeguard staff who are looking after your children.

Social interaction between parents must not happen on site.

If you find that your work pattern has changed, please do not send your child to us. *The message from the Government is clear regarding this.*

Activities

In line with the Government announcement, please be aware that the session activities will not be particularly educational or formal. We aim to give the children a relaxed but busy time; lots of art and craft and outside things to do.

Clothing

The children do not need to wear school uniform. However, their clothes must be practical and not valuable. There is a chance that they may become dirty from the day, due to the nature of what they are doing.

I would be grateful if children could wear freshly laundered clothes for each session. There is evidence that the virus can be transmitted through clothing.

Access

You will not be allowed access to the school once the children are on site

Courtesy

Please remember that all staff are fulfilling this role in a volunteer capacity. There is no statutory obligation for us to open. Staff too have their own families to support, and their well-being is as important as that of anybody else. Please maintain good relationships with staff, especially as some of them are probably unfamiliar faces. If I find that this has not been the case, I shall need to speak with you to resolve the issue. Other schools are also available to offer this service.

Finally...

I don't like writing so formally to people, in such anxious times. My experience of this so far has been one of support for the schools, from you. You are fulfilling a critical role too, and I thank you for doing so.

If you have any questions, please email me directly

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

Headteacher