

15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **School Provision**

I hope this letter finds you well. Although we are still officially in the Easter holidays the school is open to some children and we continue to see some families each day. We presently have information about children accessing school until the end of this week but as we are still unsure of the length of shut-down, we are planning to be able to continue our school provision for w/b 20/4/2020 and w/b 27/4/2020 at Tatworth Primary School.

The key message, which is of paramount importance, is that: **if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.** That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who **absolutely need** to attend.

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. As a school we are, therefore, being asked by the Government to continue to provide care for a limited number of children.

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.

### **RE: School Provision w/b 20.4.2020 and w/b 27.4.2020**

If your circumstances have/have not changed and you need a school place please indicate your requested days in an email to the **school address: [tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk)** It would be useful to have this information by the morning of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, to help with preparations.

We hope that by providing this service, you are able to continue the vital work you are doing to support the Covid-19 response.



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## Changes to circumstances

This unprecedented time may also see changes in family's financial circumstances. Once again, I attach the free school meal link below. It is an on-line application which will let you know if you are able to access free school meals and vouchers at this time. We would immediately be able to apply for the vouchers and would be told quickly if you qualify.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/>

I would urge anyone whose financial situation has been impacted, to reapply, even if you have done so in the past. The vouchers are £15 per week, per child and can be used in a number of different supermarkets.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to support and thank you for your messages on the homelearning email account – these will all be answered once staff are back from the holiday period.

Kind regards



Tracey Hart

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