4.30pm Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FROM MONDAY 23rd MARCH 2020

You will know that the Government has closed schools to the majority of families in an attempt curb the spread of the COVID - 19 virus.

For the foreseeable future, school is open to those children with both or their sole parent a ‘Key Worker’ identified by our Government, as well as those families who may be in a vulnerable position – hold an EHCP Plan, or have an allocated social worker.

* The school gate will open at 8.40am with school starting at 8.55am. School will finish for Key Stages 1 and 2 children at 3pm.
* Whilst we wait for clarification from Chartwells about Lunch provision for those in Key Stage 1 (Universal free School Meals) or eligible for Free School Meals, we will make arrangements to provide lunch for your child on Monday.
* Today you will have received a Home Learning pack for your child. Please ensure that they bring them into school next Monday 23rd March.
* Whilst school will be open, the Meerkatz before and after school club has had to close in this period. Child protection arrangements are obviously still in place, and no child should be dropped off and left unattended in the school grounds each morning.
* Obviously, school rules do still apply. School uniform must be worn and mobile phones or any other electrical equipment is not permitted in school.

We would like to make those attending on Monday aware that the provision will look different, as we will be working with reduced staff and may be only opening part of the building, which will mean that pupils will be working with pupils from other year groups. We want our school to remain open for those identified but also need to manage the staff we have that come under the ‘vulnerable’ group category and therefore will need to work from home alongside those staff that may need to self-isolate for a period of time.

We are living in a time where information and guidance will change on a regular basis. As a result, we must be mindful that school arrangements may change too. We will endeavour to clarify these in coming weeks and will obviously keep you informed.

Yours sincerely,

R.E. McLoughlin J. Courtney

Executive Headteacher Designate Headteacher