

Hartford Manor Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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School based childcare from Monday 23 March 2020

Guidance for schools remaining open from Monday was posted in the early hours of this morning (link below). It states clearly that, **"If children can stay safely at home, they should."**

My view, as your Headteacher and based on the guidance, is that all parents should endeavour to keep their children at home safely. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread across Hartford and the wider Cheshire community. Outside of school, parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus.

For children who stay at home, we will "push out" an optional online curriculum through our school website. Your child's login details for the website will be sent out by the end of Monday. This will include daily content and the children will be able to interact with their teachers. Reception and Nursery children will continue to use Tapestry. These arrangements will be in place for the next two weeks, subject to staff availability. Work will not be provided over what would have been the Easter holidays. We will endeavour to continue providing optional online learning in what would have been the summer term, again subject to staff availability.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, our school staff are committed to providing childcare whilst you are at work. The usual school hours will apply to the childcare offered. We are also committed to allowing parents to continue using our extended hours from 7:30 am to 6pm where possible. Critical workers can book online via ParentPay if you need to use Breakfast or After School Club, normal charges will apply.

If you are a key worker, as defined by the Government, and wish to access childcare in school, please contact me or Mrs Diamond to discuss options. Wherever possible, you need to make arrangements for your child to be cared for at home, to keep them safe. You can contact me on my mobile, 07525 025337, or Mrs Diamond on 07968 799249. You can ring either of us over this weekend between 10am and 3pm.

Furthermore, we will take all practical steps to keep our vulnerable children safe and we will endeavour to provide care, when and if it is needed.

In summary, the scientific guidance is clear - the fewer children we have in school each day, the greater chance we have of limiting the risk of the virus spreading.

These are testing times. It is our civic and moral duty to keep our community safe, whilst at the same time keeping our critical services operating.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR0bw2mh1vPBfncuKKMfNm0eexgk0q65mvG-esGQBavtsVAe_bclmIBIF9A

Yours faithfully

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