



Friday, 20th March, 20120

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you are aware, the Government has decided that schools are to close today to everyone, with the exception of children from key worker households and vulnerable children from Monday 23rd March indefinitely.

From the survey we conducted on Thursday and again this morning following the latest guidance on key worker status; our local knowledge, and use of our data sheets, we believe that your child may be eligible for a place at Ryders Hayes next week. These places are precious, and we need to keep numbers to the minimum for staff and pupils.

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.

Please can you confirm (see response slip) that you want and need the space Monday-Friday, and that you or someone else in your household have one of the following key worker categories:

Health and Social Care

For example: doctors; nurses; midwives; paramedics; social workers; care workers; & front-line health and social care; pharmaceutical industry

Education and Childcare

For example school and nursery staff; social workers

Key Public Services:

For example religious staff; related charities; journalists and funeral services

Local and National Government

Key workers

Food and other Necessary Goods

For example anyone involved in food chain (production; supply; delivery; sales)

Public Safety and National Security

For example police and civilian support; MOD & civilians; contractors and armed forces personnel; fire and rescue & support staff; National Crime Agency; prison and probation

Transport

For example those working on transport systems crucial to keeping networks open

Utilities, Communication and Financial Services

For example financial services including banks, building societies; financial workers; oil, gas, electric and water sectors, payment provider; IT data and infrastructures and waste disposal sectors

If your family is eligible for this support, then you can access a place from 8:45-15:30 at the moment from Monday, 23rd March, as long as everyone in the household is well and not having to isolate. Nursery children of key workers, whether 30 hours or not, are able to stay for the day at no cost.



Please let us know today whether you will be sending a packed lunch or whether you may prefer your child to have a packed lunch from AIP if this is available. You will need to send cash payment of £2.20 each day if a paid sandwich meal is required (not for the week).

Please also confirm on the response slip who will be collecting your child.

Your child will need:

- to arrive in his/her uniform but bring along a pair of wellies; suitable outdoor clothing (which may get dirty) and an alternative coat, as well as his/her PE kit.
- to enter through the **main school office entrance**, but Yr4-6 pupils will be dismissed at the side door (to the cloakroom). Nursery to Year2 children will leave from the main office door.
- to bring their packed lunch and a drink if this is your choice.

Please note that there will be a skeleton staff next week, (although our Safeguarding/Pastoral Lead; first aider and member of SLT will be on site at all times with staff,) as most teachers and TAs will be learning with their pupils remotely.

Should your child not be in school to take up the place due to illness or household isolation, then please **call and leave a message on the answerphone**, as there may also be only one member of staff in the office, so that the phone lines are kept clear for us to be in communication with you. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. We are sending out a new emergency contact details form for next week, as those previously able to collect or be contacted in case your child is unwell, may no longer be available due to self-isolation.

We hope that your child enjoys their experience at school. We plan to make learning really fun and exciting, to promote the positive mental health of our children at this time. Should your child be particularly anxious, then trained senior staff will always be on site to support your child. Given pupil numbers, your child will be in a vertical group for the next few weeks e.g. Nursery and Reception children together; Year1, 2,& 3 and the also Year 4, 5 & Year 6

As always, we will do every best to work with you to look after them whilst you are doing your crucial job for the good of the nation. Should you have any particular concerns , then please call school today if you can.

Take good care

Sally Miner

Head Teacher and the Ryders Hayes Team

- I would like my child to have sandwiches (FSM/paying/provide own packed lunch)
 - I would like my child to have a hot meal (FSM/paying) – delete as appropriate
- (This may not be possible going forward, but we will do our best and notify you of any changes)



My child will attend on the following days (Nursery has the option of full days too)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	▪	▪	▪	▪
PM	▪	▪	▪	▪