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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

I wrote a letter yesterday regarding the school closure for all children except those who had key workers as parents/carers, however due to unprecedented demand of the system, Parent Mail crashed and not everyone received the letter so I will summarise what was said yesterday and add to it with what we now know today.

We have been instructed to shut the school after today to all children except those of key workers and those deemed ‘vulnerable’ (e.g. supported by Social Care or those with an Education, Health and Care Plan). The list of key workers was only published this morning and includes:

- Health and Social Care – e.g. doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, etc.
- Education and Childcare workers including specialist educational professionals
- Key public service workers including those in the justice system, religious staff and undertakers
- Local or National government workers – only linked to essential delivery of the COVID-19 response e.g. benefits agencies
- Foods and other necessary good – involved in food/key good (e.g. hygienic and veterinary medicines) production, processing, distribution, delivery and sale
- Public Safety and Security – e.g. police, MoD, armed forces, fire and rescue and security roles
- Transport – those keeping our air, water, road, rail and freight transport operating
- Utilities, communication and financial services – e.g. banking sector workers, workers from the gas, water and electricity sectors, IT and data infrastructure workers, telecommunications, postal services, waste disposal, etc.

There is a plea from the government however that this school provision is only used if you have no other alternative. If at all possible, children should be at home.

The provision that runs from Monday is only for eligible children who are well enough to attend school. If you are currently self-isolating, this must be completed before your child can start using our provision. If a child becomes unwell while at school, we will ring you and expect for them to be collected as we have always done. Keeping unwell children here puts us all at risk and if we all become unwell, we will not be able to offer this provision any more.

In addition to term time provision, we are expected to have in place childcare **for the eligible pupils only** during the school holidays. We need to plan ahead as much as we can as I will have to give staff notice as

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to what days they might be required to work. Therefore, at the end of this letter there is an information form that we would ask eligible parents to complete and return ASAP.

What we'll continue doing for non-keyworker children while they are at home

Your child(ren)'s learning is of course important to us, so we'll continue to help them to learn.

- We sent home a letter on Tuesday that listed a range of websites you can access to support learning at home, along with some other suggestions for non-IT based activities. This letter is also on the school website.
- As of yesterday you can access Num Bots to support maths learning – a separate letter was sent out with details.
- You and your child(ren) will be able to email the school and your child(ren)'s teacher(s) during term time with questions, for advice/support or just to share what you have been doing at home – please see the end of this letter for details.

If your child(ren) usually receive free school meals (not the universal infant free school meal that every child here receives), we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the Government has just announced. As yet we are still waiting to hear details about this.

Breakfast and After School Care

You may know that there is currently before and after school care running at the Junior School that our children can access. It is run by Sylvia, a qualified teacher, and her team. There is the possibility that this may be able to continue **for keyworker children only** if they have enough children. As a matter of urgency, Sylvia needs to know if you would want to use this service so she can make a decision whether or not to run. **Please see attachment at the end of this letter.**

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this situation will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops via Parent Mail.

Finally, please remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#). Take care everyone and hopefully we will see you all soon.

Yours sincerely



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Keeping in Touch

Although school will be closed for the majority of children, the teachers will still be working and will be checking their emails regularly. We would love to hear from you and your children about how they have been spending their time at home and share their accomplishments. We are also available for advice and support related to your child's learning.

Class	Teacher/s	Email addresses
Sunflower	Mrs Bennett	abennett@rosegreeninfant.school
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Hedgehog	Miss Court	ecourt@rosegreeninfant.school
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Ladybird	Mrs Fowler	efowler@rosegreeninfant.school
Oak	Mrs Lloyd Mrs Sugden	slloyd@rosegreeninfant.school csugden@rosegreeninfant.school
Sycamore	Miss Miles	hmiles@rosegreeninfant.school
Willow	Mrs Tilling	rtilling@rosegreeninfant.school
Headteacher	Mrs Dreckmann	head@rosegreeninfant.school
Deputy Headteacher	Mrs Sugden	csugden@rosegreeninfant.school
SENDCO	Mrs Gwynn	jgwynn@rosegreeninfant.school

If your child was not at school yesterday or today to bring home their password for Numbots (our new addition and subtraction online learning game), please email Mrs Sugden for their individual password.

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Rose Green Infant School Keyworker / vulnerable child school provision

From Monday 23rd March until further notice we will endeavour to remain open and run childcare provision for eligible pupils – please note this will not be a ‘National Curriculum led’ school day as we currently run, although we are still aiming for fun, active and stimulating!

Children are not required to wear school uniform during this time, but we would ask that they wear clothing and shoes they can be active in – no best clothes either as they will probably get dirty sometimes.

On Monday 23rd March, Chartwells will be providing hot lunch. From Tuesday onwards, Chartwells will provide a cold ‘lunchbox’ style lunch until further notice. **There will be no milk or fruit so please provide a water bottle and a fruit/veg snack.**

In order to try and maintain some social distancing, we will not have every member of staff in every day from Tuesday 24th March onwards, so we need to know approximate numbers for each day. Please complete the information below to the best of your ability and return to us ASAP, either in person, via your child or scanned/photographed and emailed to Mrs Porter: sporter@rosegreeninfant.school

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Name of child(ren).....

Year Group(s).....

Please tick which days your child(ren) will be attending – as far as you know now. We realise things may change and you can update us but it’ll help with initial planning.

		Tue 24 March	Wed 25 March	Thur 26 March	Fri 27 March
Attending?					
Chartwells lunch needed?					

	Mon 30 March	Tue 31 March	Wed 1 April	Tue 2 April	Wed 3 April
Attending?					
Chartwells lunch needed?					

Please also indicate if you think you will need our provision in the Easter Holiday (no lunch provided):

Mon 6 Apr	Tue 7 Apr	Wed 8 Apr	Thur 9 Apr	Tue 14 Apr	Wed 15 Apr	Thur 16 Apr	Fri 17 Apr

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Dear Parents,

Rose Green Breakfast & After School Club are currently looking to see if there is a way that we can remain operational in some capacity to provide wrap around care for parents who have children eligible for and using a school place during the COVID-19 outbreak and current school closures.

We currently have a few children on roll who will be in school during this time and there may be additional Key Workers who do not currently use the club but may wish to at this time.

It would be really helpful in assisting us to make the decision about whether we can remain open if parents could please contact us via text or email by the end of the day to let us know if they would use this service and if so, which sessions they would need.

Our club currently runs for Rose Green Infant and Junior School children from 7.45am for breakfast serving, cereal, toast with a variety of toppings, fresh fruit and yoghurts. After school, we are currently open to 6pm where children have fresh fruit and breadsticks on arrival, outside play, games, crafts and activities, snack times where we stop for a drink and a biscuit and for the children staying on later, a slice of toast to keep them going until they get home for tea. The cost of our sessions are £5 for a breakfast session and £10 for an after school session.

A decision on the opening of our club and what those arrangements may be during school closures will be made as soon as possible. I appreciate this is a hugely challenging time for everyone and for those that need childcare, I'll do my best to make provisions if possible.

Kind regards,

Sylvia

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