



Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

WE HAVE ASKED PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, AND FOR SCHOOLS TO REMAIN OPEN ONLY FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO ABSOLUTELY NEED TO ATTEND.

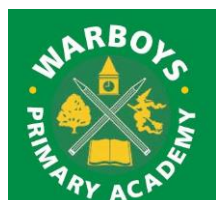
I would like to say thank you very much for taking on board the above advice that was issued by the government yesterday. It is clear that our community have listened and as a result, the number of children in school today was significantly lower than predicted numbers at the end of last week. We ask that you continue to adhere to this advice and only send children into school if your work is critical to our COVID-19 response.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our Keyworkers, firstly, for the amazing work they are undertaking and secondly, for communicating clearly with us to support us in providing childcare. We have used all the information provided to plan for the coming weeks ensuring that appropriate safeguarding measures are in place and staffing levels are adequate.

We recognise the ever-changing nature of the situation and are working very flexibly in order to meet everyone's essential childcare needs. All we ask is that you keep us informed of any change in requirements so we can keep our daily registers up to date and review provision. You can let us know about any changes by telephoning or emailing the School Office. The admin staff will keep the office open every morning from 8am-10.30am. There will be staff on site who will answer the telephone between the times of 10.30am-6pm if they are not working with children, but please be patient as we are running a skeleton staff.

Please remember that children **will only be admitted into school with a completed Keyworker form**. These have been emailed out, but we do have spare copies in the office if you need to fill one in on arrival. In addition to this we have a form for you to complete showing the days and times childcare is needed. Our childcare offer is completely flexible so please use it this way to suit your needs, applying the principle that children should remain at home if they can.

It has been a very strange day for us all, but I can honestly say that school has been a happy place for the children here in our care. Staff have worked hard to remain positive and calm and children have enjoyed the wide range of alternative activities they have been engaged with. I can honestly say that I am incredibly proud of the team, our children and our amazing community. The support and understanding we have received has been incredible and we will continue to do our very best for you all.



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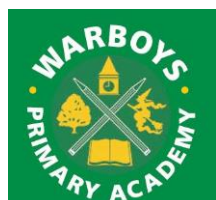
If you have any questions about the home learning packs, please email them into the school office and we will endeavour to ensure that class teachers respond as quickly as possible.

If you have any safeguarding concerns relating to any of our families, these can be emailed to safeguarding@wpa.education.

We will continue to update you through regular communication and will maintain our weekly newsletter for all parents. Our thoughts are with all of you at this very difficult time and please remember there is always somebody at the end of the phone or an email if you need support.

Stay safe and well

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