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Dear Parents/Carers

School closure, and maintaining educational provision

Thank you all for your support, kind words of encouragement and thanks that you have all given the staff across our Federation this week. It has been appreciated and welcomed in this difficult time for us all.

We must be clear from the beginning that we are being asked to make decisions that are in line with the principles of the government's message:

"If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. ... 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"

This is part of the government's national strategy of social distancing, and as such should be our first consideration. However, if you are a key worker or your child has an EHCP or a social worker then school will be open for your child. A full explanation of these roles are found following the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The guidance highlights that:

"If **your work is critical** to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed, **and you cannot keep your child safe at home** then your children will be prioritised for education provision."

The spirit of the guidance is the expectation that if there is someone at home (including a recognition that you might be listed in the critical sector, but can work from home) and you can safely care for your child; then under the social distancing guidance – you should do so.

The provision that schools usually provide will be different; for these children it will be about care and not solely education. We will try to ensure day to day school life for your child/ren remains as routine as possible to cause minimum disruption to your child/ren. This is about keeping children safe and allowing key workers to go to work.

If we have contacted you because your child has an EHCP or a social worker or you have contacted us at eholidaykoinoniafederation.com because you are a key worker then school will remain open as normal for your child/ren. This option is your choice. You may choose to keep your child at home some days if you are not working in order to comply with the social distancing expectation.

If your child does attend school you can send them in with a packed lunch, or we will provide them with a lunch. Your child needs to wear school uniform as normal. If you choose NOT to send your child to school or they become unwell or there is the need for them to self-isolate, please DO telephone the school your child is due to attend and report this absence as usual. It is important that we know how many children to expect each day.

What to do on Monday 23rd March

Christ Church Campus:

Due to the low numbers of children who will require school provision at Christ Church, we will be providing this provision at our Peninsula Campus. Christ Church school will be closed. Christ Church staff will be working at Peninsula school. Your children will be safe and well cared for. The main gate for entrance is on Hendon Street SE10 ONF. Your child is welcome to join the Peninsula Breakfast and After school club. Again, there will be staff that they are familiar with at these clubs. The contact number is 02088581309.

Christ Church at St MM Peninsula Pri Campus:

The school will be open as follows:

7.30am- for Breakfast Club (this will be run at the normal cost of £5.50 parents as usual) If you require Breakfast Club, please let us know as soon as possible.

8.30am- MUGA will open for children to be dropped off. **Please use the normal double gate.**

9.00am- School day starts (parents must have dropped their children in by this time at the latest)

3.15pm- School day finishes. All children will be dismissed from the MUGA pitch.

3.15pm – 6.15pm After School Club – Simply Play will be open. (This will be run at the normal cost of £10.50 parents as usual simplyplay_smpeninsula@yahoo.co.uk)

If you have any queries please email eholliday@koinoniafederation.com

Thank you for your support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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