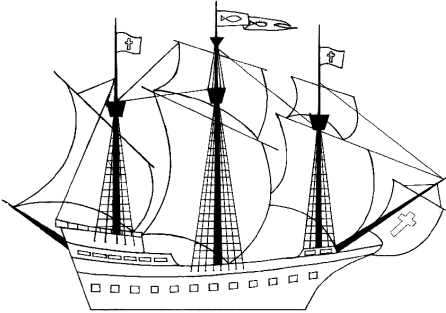

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*'The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness & Self Control'
(Galatians 5:22-23)*



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20th March 2020,

Dear Parents and Carers,

School provision for pupils of key workers

In order to comply with the government's social distancing strategy, Dawpool will close today until further notice. We make a plea to our school community to take the government's restrictions and advice seriously, so that we can all return to school as quickly as possible.

The government is asking all schools to offer 'reduced provision' for children of key workers and vulnerable children and Dawpool is giving this careful consideration. Parents should acknowledge that reduced provision is about care, not education. It is about keeping children safe and allowing key workers to go to work.

The government released the key worker list (see below) at around 2am this morning. We are trying to respond to this and await further guidance.

Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. There is no requirement for parents and carers who are key workers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.

The key message remains, we need as many children as possible to **remain at home**. This is for everyone's safety and will help fight the coronavirus by reducing the risk of spread.

If you believe that **both parents or carers are key workers, or you are a single key worker parent**, and have no other childcare available to you, please email schooloffice@dawpool.wirral.sch.uk with the following information:

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.' (Jeremiah 29:11)

Name of pupil(s) and Year Group(s) . . .

I am single parent key worker employed as . . .

Or

We are both key worker parents and we are employed as . . .

Place(s) of employment . . .

We do not require any more information at this stage.

If we are able to offer reduced provision, it will be from 8:45am – 3:30pm, Monday to Friday (inclusive of the Easter holiday) and wrap around care may be available for some pupils in exceptional circumstances at an additional charge. The reduced provision will have limited places available due to the necessity of keeping it at the correct scale to protect both our staff and the children who attend. If the provision is too large it negates any benefits of the social distancing measures the government has imposed and through associated contacts children and staff will be exposed to unacceptable risk. The government are clear that the safest place for children and families to be at present is at home with as little social contact as possible. Additionally, any reduced provision offered could be ceased if staffing levels cannot sustain our offer anymore.

Given the delay in publishing the list of key workers, it will be very challenging for us to put together some form of provision and therefore I ask for your patience and understanding. We will move quickly, but at a pace to avoid chaos and confusion. This is an incredibly difficult time and all the staff are working very hard to provide reassurance and the best support we can give.

We will email you with further details about places once we have been able to create a list of children attending. Given the limited time-frame, you may receive email notification during the weekend.

Yours sincerely,



David Burrows
Head Teacher

(See below for the list of key workers)

Key Worker List

Health and social care

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes nursery and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.