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Friday 20th March 2020

Covid-19 update to parents – Social Distancing

As an overarching principle, it is still the case that children should be at home if possible.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the staff who are overwhelmed and very emotional in reaction to your considerable good wishes, gratitude and compliments. You are really helping to buoy morale. We can feel your support and promise that we will continue to keep you updated as quickly as we can, when we receive information.

Thank you for your very prompt responses to our requests around your family circumstances so that we can collect the information needed to provide our community support required. This means that Walkley Primary School will not be allowed to offer places to children from Monday 23rd March who are not designated as vulnerable or not the children of key workers.

Once you have decided that social distancing in order to delay the spread of the disease further, is not an option, the choice and decision for key workers on whether to access available provision for Monday remains with you. It is for you to decide whether to access it.

We are presently processing information from key workers. This data will then be passed to Learn Sheffield who are requesting information so that they can organise provision across the Authority. Our school will be contacting eligible people so that we can address timetabling challenges. This is likely to be later today or early Monday morning.

For pupils in school, a normal school day will no longer exist. Children will be no longer be class based and will only receive the education that is provided on the Lockdown Learning Log. We will be offering childcare with our available Walkley staff.

Essential Information

We know that our children of key workers will join us at Walkley early next week. However, as everything changes so quickly we have indications from Learn Sheffield, that they will ask that central hubs are opened across the city, available for key worker children only, and this may not be at our school. This will ensure the correct number of skeleton staff to support the challenges across the city.

THIS MAY TAKE PLACE VERY QUICKLY AND IS OUT OF WALKLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL CONTROL

Once again, thank you so much for your cooperation. We will be in touch soon with our key worker families to ascertain timetabling.

Yours Faithfully
Walkley Primary Safeguarding Team