



Gentleshaw Primary Academy

19th March 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURE & KEY WORKER PROVISION

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure that you will have followed last night's announcement regarding school closures. As an academy we will support parents that are key workers and that without school provision would not be able to attend work and fulfil their role.

We are currently awaiting a list from the Government regarding exactly which roles are deemed to be 'Key Workers', however at this point we can assume NHS staff, police and the fire service.

I must however remind parents that school closures have been set to support social distancing and protect both pupils and staff. Therefore in line with the directive from the Secretary of State, both parents must be key workers in order for a child to attend school.

If the other parent/carer is not a key worker, arrangements should be made for the child to stay at home with that family member and avoid unnecessary social contact, thus protecting pupils, families and staff.

We are currently finalising provision for any pupils that will require this service and depending upon numbers, it may be that those children attend another academy within Future Generation Trust.

By this evening we will have an online enquiry form for key worker parents to complete if they feel they meet the criteria and require this service. We ask that this be completed by 10.00am tomorrow at the very latest in order for us to process. We will then be in contact to make appropriate arrangements with those eligible.

I hope to have more details to share with you tomorrow. Thank you for your understanding and support at a time when we have limited information available to us.

Yours sincerely

G Parsons

Headteacher