

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents

Good morning. As you may well have already seen, overnight the government produced the key worker list. The full and detailed list can be found at - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

I can confirm at this stage we are able to offer a care based service for children of essential key workers from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8.55 – 3.20 at Spofforth school. I will write later with further details around the practicalities of this such as uniform and lunches.

As we have only just had the list and it will take most of the day to fully assess how many children we will need to provide for at present I can only confirm this provision will be in place for **one week**. We are and will continue to work incredibly hard to aim to continue this provision for beyond this time and will keep families fully updated.

As local authority maintained schools if we are unable to sustain our local arrangement the decision would be taken to close the school and the duty of care will return to the Local Authority who will direct parents to another school where provision can be accessed. We would of course give those parents accessing this provision as much advanced notice of this as is possible.

Parents can play a huge role in helping us maintain local provision for as long as possible by;

- Read the key worker list carefully to assess if you are classed as a key worker
- If you believe you are contact your line manager and ask them to confirm this in an email to yourself
- Contact us via [admin@spofforth.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@spofforth.n-yorks.sch.uk) or [admin@follifoot.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@follifoot.n-yorks.sch.uk) with your line managers confirmation and if you can give us an idea of which days you will need to access provision on
- Only use this provision on the days you genuinely need it.

We are currently exploring options of if it is feasible to offer an extended day also. However, given we have no idea how long this provision may need to last for it is crucial we look to establish a model that has the best chance of being sustained over an extended period of time taking in to account the likelihood that more staff will either need to self-isolate or be taken ill. We want to keep local provision for our children while also keeping to the principles of social distancing.

Many thanks for your understanding as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times. Take care and stay safe. Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Griffiths Headteacher.

