

Dear Parents/ carers

School will contact the children of key workers only where there is absolutely no one else to look after them when it reopens. We will not be operating as a school; we will be providing childcare only for critical key workers. These are workers who fall into the categories on the letter found on our website, who wish to take up the offer of childcare provided at school and have informed the school in advance. If you have been placed on a work rota, then it is expected that you care for your children when at home. Your children can attend Langley whilst you are at work, this may be odd days or half days.

We appreciate that key workers may opt for alternative childcare arrangements that will provide more appropriate social distancing for their children. The Government is clear that where parents can care for children at home, children should be cared for at home so as to limit the chance of the virus spreading:

“The principle is that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The Government is asking parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible – schools will remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.”

“If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be as the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.”

The message is clear- keep your children at home to keep your family safe.

The childcare we will provide for the key workers' children is not schooling but CARE for children while their parents are working and it will be for the normal school hours. We aim to provide wrap around care if required as per government directive.

For key workers bringing their children to school we may ask for some evidence of their work next week; they may need to have this available when bringing children to school.

Children who normally have school dinners will be provided with a meal at lunchtime.

For children staying at home who normally have free school meals we are following guidance and are hoping to clarify this provision shortly.

If you are sending your child into school could you please ensure that they are fit and healthy to do so, **DO NOT** send them in if they have even the mildest symptoms of Coronavirus- high temperature and or dry cough which is constant. Children will have their temperature checked before they come into school and during the course of the day, if they show symptoms of coronavirus they will be sent home and will not be allowed to come back for the duration. We will appreciate your full cooperation in this matter.

Please respect and help our staff to undertake self-isolation to keep them safe. At Langley a number of our staff have had to go into self-isolation due to underlying health needs or because of signs of illness in the family. This significantly reduces our capacity to care for children. If our capacity continues to fall, then we shall have to further prioritise the children we can care for.