



Update

We received the same information as you did at 8pm so although we expected to go off-site some one point, we did not expect it to be today. We are busy collating and sorting as you can imagine and have a plan to go forward.

We need to get a pack to you and a chrome book (if ordered on the google form). Packs will include reading books, a squared exercise book and lined book etc. Please could we ask you to collect them today if possible. If you are near someone who can pick them up instead let us know.

So to confirm - we are fully open to vulnerable children and key worker children only at the moment following the government rules. If you are not a key worker as defined by the government, we can only take a child if they have one of the defined vulnerabilities. We have already been in contact with some who come under this category. Please contact Mrs Curtis directly to discuss any concerns and we will address them in the most appropriate way within the guidance and availability.

We are in a good position to be able to lend laptops to people who have requested them who are not in school. Children entitled to be in school who have borrowed a chrome book for use at home, will need to bring their fully charged chrome book into school each day they attend.

All staff will be communicating with children every day on site or off site so we will be able to support and guide learning. You will need to be patient, as we need to look at numbers, staff bubble availability and learning planned.

Those who work with one of our Thrive practitioners will continue to have sessions in school or via google meet and a separate form has been sent to set this up. Cat will also work via google meet with the children she supports in phonics and reading. Other intervention groups will happen with bubble staff to support individuals when this can be arranged.

We will continue to make sure short sessions of handwriting, reading and tables/number will be planned daily alongside full maths and English lessons. In the afternoons there will be a PE slot with video input and afternoon sessions delivered through PowerPoint presentations. Work handed in will be marked appropriately through feedback on the google classroom.

Our school direct students are now staying with us over the next few weeks as they know our children well already and can support teaching and learning in the bubble they were in before. This has enabled us to be able to offer good learning opportunities for all. We have learned from last time and know that you need the children to have more direction from school and this will mean that no child will get behind or develop further gaps. Please do not worry as last term gave everybody the chance to assess children and work out how to support children now.

The staff and governors are committed to provide the very best for our children and are already rising to this next challenge as you would probably expect.

Please email Mrs Curtis at any point if you have any concerns or worries about your child or circumstances.

We will get through the next few weeks and hopefully the summer term will be better!

Children attending school

Please help us all by following all the guidance and lockdown rules as we have a duty of care to staff and I want our community to continue to be a safe place. Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms you are worried about - arrange a test when needed. We do hold emergency tests but not the instant results one. It is quicker to book a test usually as results are coming back within two days as a rule.

We will continue with all polices and risk assessments that are already in place. This means that children will be dropped off and collected in the same way.

Drop off times:

8am Any who need to - they will go to own bubble classroom
8.20am Year 6 and Year 5 plus siblings
8.30am Year 3 and Year 4 plus siblings
8.35am Year 1 and Year 2 plus siblings
8.40 Reception
Registration in school at 8.45am

Collection times

3.30pm Reception and Year 1
3.35pm Year 2 and Year 3
3.45pm Year 4 and Year 5
3.50pm Year 6
3.50 - 4.30pm any children needing wrap-around will be in the Qube and released from there. They will remain in class bubble groups as before.

What to bring

We are making school dinners available and will probably be offering a subsidy when we can confirm numbers etc.

- All KS1 children will continue to have a free lunch and we would like them to take this up if possible, to prevent additional items coming into school.
- KS2 - those entitled to free dinners will all have a school dinner provided daily.
- We are allowing packed lunch boxes into school initially for the children in KS2 who require this option. If we can do something else in the future, we will let you know other options.

- A book bag with name or identification key ring etc.
- Please do not send in big school bags just a book bag with the chrome book in if it is coming back and any books that need to be returned.
- Drinks bottles should come into school and be left in school - they will be washed and filled daily and no snacks are needed as they will be provided.
- Reading books will include a group book that the child needs to bring back and forth if they have a group text
- Pencil case as before to be left in school if coming daily
- PE Kits with warm layers will be worn daily - yellow tops, school hoodies warm jogging trousers, not shorts! School fleeces and base layer under shirt as additional layer also fine!
- Coats and wellies would be really useful - wellies to stay in school and coats to be worn daily
- Warm hats gloves etc depending on weather!

Please check your emails daily and we will provide any updates.

Staff will communicate through the google classroom.

Booking children in to school

If you are a key worker, or your child is classed as vulnerable and needs to come in to school, please book them in via:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Event Code: vc4n8

Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you (or the child in their own right) are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative. **HOWEVER, if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above which would entitle your child to free school meals anyway, your school will be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education, just by you completing an application form.**

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child, you will need to be registered by 20 January 2021 for the School Census.

The easiest way to apply for free school meals is online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Or ask for a paper copy from Debbie in the School Office.

Facebook

Our Facebook page is now live!

You can find the page by looking for Sir Robert Geffery's Primary School in the search box on Facebook. Please like the page and then click on the button that says 'Following' and select 'See First' - this will mean that you won't miss out on any posts made by the page, this is a way for us to be able to easily communicate and share the great things we are doing in school with you all.

Please remember that this page is for information, celebrations and event reminders. Please do not post details or names of any children on the page. Details that we add for events will be vague regarding key information about dates/venues in order that this information is only known by parents/ carers and are meant as reminders only, full details will be communicated to you separately. This is not a tool to be used for feedback to the school - if you have any concerns, please contact the school directly.

Social Media

Please be aware of safeguarding guidance, 'Keeping Children Safe' Paragraph 117 - Parents/carers using Facebook, Twitter and other social media to make derogatory remarks about staff is not acceptable under the prohibition on reporting and publishing allegations about teachers in section 141F of the Education Act 2002.

Dates for your Diary

15-19 Feb	Half Term
2-16 Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday
31 May – 4 Jun	Half Term
Fri 23 Jul	Inset Day
26 July	Summer Holidays