



**APPLETREE GARDENS FIRST SCHOOL**  
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Dear parents / carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time. We are working hard to follow national guidelines and make suitable provisions for our school. The latest government advice states:

“The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.... 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.... Schools and all childcare providers are therefore being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.”

Our ability to provide this service will be dependent upon our staffing levels as this unfolds.

**For the majority of children who are not attending school:**

- If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 - a universal free school meal packed lunch will be available from school. These can be collected from the Out of School Club entrance between 11.30am and 12pm.
- If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 and is eligible for Free School Meals they will also be able to collect a packed lunch, as above.
- Please take great care and remember to stay up to date with our school community via the school website and our online home-school learning system, Seesaw.

**For those key workers whose children are eligible to still attend school, please see the following guidelines...**

**PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:**

- If you think that you fall within the critical categories of ‘key worker’ you should confirm with your employer that your specific role is necessary to the continuation of essential public service and ask them to provide proof which you can forward to the school as soon as possible.

**WHERE:**

- Registration of every child will be at the Out of School Club entrance.
- No parents and carers will be allowed into the school building.

**TIMES:**

- Children should attend 9.00am to 3.30pm.
- Children from Little Pips and Nursery can attend for their usual days but please note we will start at 9.00am NOT 8.30am.

**LUNCHES:**

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a school packed lunch (Universal free school meals).
- Children in Year 3 and Year 4 should bring their own packed lunch unless they are entitled to Free School Meals.
- Children in Little Pips and Nursery will also need to provide their own packed lunch.

**WHAT TO WEAR / BRING:**

- Children attending school will not be required to wear school uniform.
- All children need a coat.
- Sensible footwear, suitable for outdoor play and games, must be worn. No sandals or open toed shoes.
- All children must bring their own, named water bottle.
- No toys from home to be brought in.

- If you would like to send hand sanitiser or hand cream in with your child, make sure they are clearly labelled.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Burrell and Appletree Staff**