**INFORMATION ONLY FOR PARENTS THAT HAVE REGISTERED WITH US AS A KEYWORKER, AND PARENTS/CARERS OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN.**

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to share with you the arrangements we will be making for children that are able to attend school under new government guidance (18/3/20).

Plans will obviously evolve with the situation and we will follow current guidelines at all times.

You child is entitled to attend if they you are a key worker (as defined by the government), they are a Looked After Child, or they have an EHCP or a Social Worker.

Children with at least one parent or carer who are identified as critical workers by the government can send their children to school **if required.**

Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so. For vulnerable children, your child’s social worker will work with you to assess the best option for your child.

We will be open only to specified families and children (as defined by the government) for as long as we are able to safely do so. We want to keep both our children and staff safe so we ask that parents/carers please follow these key principles:

1. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home**, **then they should be.** For example, if working part-time or shifts, children should only attend on the days the parents are working.

2. When not in school, parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

**You will need to have registered with us via email.** If you have emailed, please assume that your child is able to attend unless you have been notified otherwise. We hope to contact parents who are not eligible by the end of Friday 20th March via text, phone or email.

**Chawson School Closure Provision**

Your child will be taught in a mixed class made up of children across the Year Group(s). They will be taught by staff that are familiar to them. The groups we have planned in the first instance are:

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| **Reception /** **Year 1** | **Year 2** | **Year 3** | **Year 4** |
| Drop off and pick up-Classroom RB | Drop off and pick up-Classroom 2MW | Drop off and pick up-Classroom 3H | Drop off and pick up-Classroom 4SR (enter through Jr hall) |
| Arrive between 8.30-9am | Arrive between 8.30-9am | Arrive between 8.30-9am | Arrive between 8.30-9am |
| Finish time 2.55pm | Finish time 3pm | Finish time 3.10pm | Finish time 3.10pm |

If your child needs to attend on any given day we ask that they attend for a whole day.

At this time we are not asking you to inform us of the days you require them to attend. We will be taking a daily register. Please be aware that this arrangement may change as our capacity becomes stretched.

Children will be invited to come into school wearing sensible non-school uniform and suitable footwear. All children should have a warm, waterproof coat.

We will provide a free basic packed lunch for any child that wants one. There is no need to order this. You are welcome to provide your own packed lunch or additional snack items if you wish. NO hot meals will be served. Milk will be provided for all children but no fruit is available.

In school we will be completing a range of activities and fun cross-curricular learning, focussing on creative and child-led learning. We will be following a topic based approach. Our topics will be:

Week 1- Spring

Week 2- Easter

Week 3- Space

Week 4- Jungle

Week 5- Transport