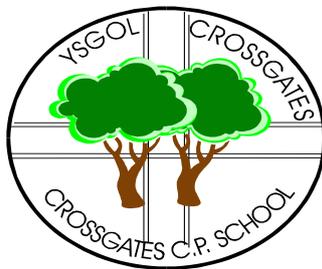


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Value Each Other; Value the School, Value the World*

20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware from 15:30 today, Friday 20th March, schools have been directed to close until further notice by the Welsh Assembly Government. However, critical provision for children of key workers and vulnerable children is currently being organised.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. 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.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

Powys are currently deciding where these provisions will be located but in the meantime, on Monday and Tuesday of next week (23rd and 24th March) Crossgates CP School will be open only for children who require supervision due to one of their parents being key workers or vulnerable children.

For eFSM pupils, unless a parent is on the list of key workers then they (definitely on Monday and Tuesday) will not be expected in school. The School will be providing these pupils with a packed lunch for collection only. Collection from main school entrance.

FP collection between 12 – 12.30pm and KS2 from 12.30 – 1.00pm. (Clearly if multiple children in the family then they collect at one time slot only)

Please note the government has stated that to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 ‘If it is at all possible for children to be at home then they should be.’

Transport to and from school, along with school meals will be provided as normal. Please note breakfast and after school club will not be running for these two days.

Please note the situation regarding provisions is constantly changing. We will keep you updated via email as soon as we have any further information.

In order to ensure we are adequately prepared for Monday and Tuesday, can you please let the school know by 16:00 today, if your child needs to access our critical childcare provision. You can do this via email: office@crossgates.powys.sch.uk or telephone 01597851667.

Your support, consideration and understanding during this unchartered time is greatly appreciated by all staff at Crossgates School

