



20 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will already know, all schools will be closed until further notice as from the end of today, Friday, 20 March. All parts of Comper are closed for all children except for the children of parents in essential 'keyworker' employment.

The government's guidance for schools on staying open for a limited number of children is now published. It is important to be clear about this so that you know the position.

Children of Key workers. Who are the Key workers? Do I qualify?

The full list includes:

- Frontline health workers such as **doctors** and **nurses**
- Some **teachers** and **social workers**
- Workers in key public services including those essential to the **justice system, religious staff, and public service journalists**
- **Local and national government workers** deemed crucial to delivering essential public services
- Workers involved in **food production** processing, distribution, sale and delivery
- Public safety workers including **police, armed forces personnel, firefighters, and prison staff**
- Essential air, water, road and rail **transport workers**
- Utilities, communication and financial services staff, including **postal workers, and waste disposal workers**

If it is at all possible for any children to be safely at home, then they should do so. This is to reduce the size of a grouping in any school and minimise the risk of spreading the virus.

If you think you are in any of the keyworker categories, then **please consult your employers to confirm that your work is critical to the COVID – 19 response. Please can you e-mail us (office.1005@comper.oxon.sch.uk) once you get this confirmation.**

Please can you indicate whether you need/are entitled to 5 days care or just certain days. We understand this could change week by week.

A clear two-page summary is available through the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The government has asked schools to provide a very different type of provision; it will be about care and not education. However, we ask children to attend school at the usual time. Therefore, the school is open from 8.45am until 3pm.

Note: There is no provision for breakfast or after school club. We will continue to provide/offer cooked meals and healthy snacks.

We will have a skeleton staff, probably on a rota depending on who can still come in. This will be finalised next week.

We will let you know about plans for the Easter holidays once the picture become clearer. Do keep a look out for new information on our website.

We are thinking of everyone and will stay in touch.

Thanks

Best wishes,

Chris