



CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Learning together in a Christian community,
nurturing and developing lively minds in a caring
environment.**



Friday, 20th March 2020

Dear Parents

The Secretary of State for Education has announced that schools will close to all pupils at the end of today. No child is entitled to attend school until further notice. This is part of a package of measures to reduce social contact and to keep us all as safe as possible. **Chapmanslade School will be closed to all pupils until further notice.**

However, head teachers have been asked to provide essential care for children of critical workers and for vulnerable children. It is my intention to provide this care on site at Chapmanslade School. The government's scientific advice is that schools will remain safe for small numbers of pupils to attend.

It is important that you understand that expectations regarding educational provision have been lifted. The provision that we will offer to those **children of critical workers who cannot remain at home**, and to vulnerable pupils, will be about providing safe care NOT regular schooling.

My capacity to offer reduced provision will be limited and it will be necessary to prioritise the children of the families whose work is most essential to the national effort against COVID-19.

The government has made it clear that many parents working in 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.

STEP 1 TO IDENTIFY WHO IS ELIGIBLE

I have attached a form that you are asked to complete and return **NO LATER THAN 5:00pm FRIDAY 20th MARCH** if you believe that your child is eligible for school-based care.

1. A link to the full list of critical workers can be found [here](#)
2. Complete and return electronically to admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk.
3. Hard copies will be available to collect from the school office from 2:30pm this afternoon. Once completed please return them using the parent post box.

STEP 2 TO ALLOCATE PLACES BASED ON NEED

I will be in touch with individual parents by the end of Monday 23rd March at the latest with one of these responses:

1. To confirm that a place at Chapmanslade has been allocated and to confirm the days
2. To seek further clarification or evidence about eligibility
3. To confirm that I am unable to allocate a place for your child but that I may be able to arrange care at a different school.
4. To confirm that you do not meet the eligibility criteria

Children who attend care provision at Chapmanslade School must wear school uniform and must attend all day between 8:45am and 3:15pm. School lunches will be available from Lataca as usual.

Busy Bees Preschool will be open between 8:00am and 8:45am, and again between 3:15pm and 5:00pm for those children who usually attend.

We regret that due to capacity, we cannot respond to individual phone calls or emails regarding the reduced provision for the children of critical workers.

Please be assured that we will follow the latest government advice and that communication from school in the form of emails and updates to our website will continue.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Chapman', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Chapman