



Sledmere Primary School

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'Stronger Together'*



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As we come to the end of Week 1 of Enforced Closure, we can announce that Sledmere is open next week for the children of Key Workers.

Learning Link Multi Academy Trust has asked Dudley Catering to maintain free school meal provision for children in our LLMAT schools until the Easter break. Parents can collect a Grab Bag on Monday 30 March with lunch for two days and a Food Parcel on Wednesday 1 April providing lunchtime supplies for 3 days. Please ring our office on 01384 818425 by 9.00 am on Monday 30 March to place your orders, which will then will be available for collection between 11.30 am and 12.00 noon.

Please make sure your child(ren) are working on their Extended Learning Packs, consisting of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Times Tables, Spellings and Research activities. As you know, most tasks will need to be completed in the exercise book, but some tasks may be internet based such as Times Table Rockstars, Phonics Play, ICT Games and BBC Bitesize. We are sure that our children will take the tasks seriously and complete the work to a good standard. If you haven't picked one up, please collect an Extended Learning Pack from our office. The Extended Learning Packs are also available on our website.

We do hope that all our children and families remain safe and resilient in these difficult times. Look after yourselves!

Peter Bravo
Executive Headteacher

Department for Education

Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision

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As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>, household isolation <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> and social distancing <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>

And the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear.

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why 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.

It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But 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 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.

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

We know that schools will also want to support other children facing social difficulties and we will support head teachers to do so.

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.**