

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Dear Families,

**Rye College and Community Primary School are closed.** We will now be focusing our support on those children who are vulnerable, and those children whose parents are identified key workers.

### **Key Worker Childcare**

If you are a key worker and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for key worker childcare. **The first principle of the government guidance is that parents should only access this provision if there is no safe alternative. Our provision is the last resort.**

Check the list of identified roles before contacting us to ensure you are eligible. **We may ask for proof of the number of adults in your household and confirmation of your employment.**

[www.ryeprimary.co.uk/key-worker-childcare/what-is-a-key-worker](http://www.ryeprimary.co.uk/key-worker-childcare/what-is-a-key-worker)

### **Remote Support**

Low-income families whose children are eligible for **free school meals** will be offered vouchers, food parcels or meals to make sure they continue receiving this support during our closure. Early next week, we will be contacting the families of children in receipt of **free school meals** to:

- Offer immediate support for the week; and,
- Offer further support to help families feed their children throughout our closure.

**Aquinas** is working with Jempsons, Tesco and Chartwells, our school meals provider, to support these families. A national approach to providing vouchers is being developed.

We are in the process of developing other ways to offer 'remote support' including managing the anxiety of our young people at this challenging time. Further details to follow on our website.

### **Remote Study**

We are providing 'remote study' for all our young people. Resources can be found on our websites at [www.ryeprimary.co.uk/remote-study](http://www.ryeprimary.co.uk/remote-study) and [www.ryecollege.co.uk/remote-study](http://www.ryecollege.co.uk/remote-study). Hard copies of resources will be available from our schools for those that do not have access to a computer.

**It is important you check our websites regularly for updates.** We are encouraging families to stay in touch through Facebook at 'ryeprimary and 'ryecollegeuk'. Please keep this a supportive space.

Be reminded, detailed guidance from UK Government can be found online.

[www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response](http://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response)

These times are challenging but by working together we can save lives.

We remain in your service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Blakelock".

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