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Ocean Academy

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Principal : Mrs J Quarrie

Dear Parents / Carers

As you are aware, schools have been instructed to close to the majority of pupils on Friday afternoon (3.30pm for Ocean Academy) until further notice. However, schools are being asked to care for the children of key workers and vulnerable children as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus.

Aspirations Academies Trust have now sent us clarification as to who 'key workers' are and what they should do **IF** they require their children to continue to attend school throughout the closure.

The list of Key Workers are:

- NHS staff
- Police
- Fire fighters
- Supermarket delivery drivers
- School staff
- Supermarket workers
- Pharmacy workers
- Armed Forces
- Care workers

The above categories apply to all key workers within immediate families however, if you are able to make alternative arrangements for childcare as a key worker with a partner / spouse etc. who is not a key worker, please do so.

Vulnerable children identified as those **children** who have a social worker or those with Education, Health and Care Plans can also remain in school **if** parents wish. You need to speak to the school office and let us know if your child will be attending school under this category. We will ask you to sign a registration form on Monday 23rd March when you first drop your child into school. This will be the only form we will ask you to sign as this will indicate contact details throughout this period.

If you or your children fall within one of these categories and you would like your child to remain in school, please let us know as soon as possible, bringing supporting evidence to school. We will ask you to sign a registration form on Monday 23rd March when you first drop your child into school. This will be the only form we will ask you to sign as this will indicate contact details throughout this period.

There is **no** expectation that your child remains in school if you or your child do fall within one of these categories.

Free School Meals will continue to be provided for those who attend school during this time and are entitled to them. There is also a universal proposal that our school meal provider will be able to provide Free School Meals for those children who are entitled and do not attend school during this time. More information will be sent out soon. We do not envisage sending out food vouchers as we can possibly provide a lunch.

Regards

Mrs Quarrie
Principal