**Coronavirus school update – Provision for key workers and vulnerable children**

**Friday 20March 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

Your childcare provision will start from Monday 23rd March 2020 8.45am to 3.15pm, we will constantly be reviewing this provision but will keep you up to date as much as possible.

Today you will have had home the application form so we can get the detail we need in order to run this childcare provision. Thank you for your patience in all of this. We have tried to provide some Questions and Answers below in order to give you as much information about the planned provision as we can.

The school office will still be open in the mornings and please do feel free to contact us by email (as above).

* Q: Will the childcare provision be like school?
* A: No. This is not like school. While there will be an opportunity to complete some of the ‘homework,’ much of the day will run similar to a holiday club, or childcare. We are planning lots of fun games, activities, etc.
* Q: Do the children need to wear school uniform?
* A: No. Children can wear their own clothing – obviously appropriate for the weather.
* Q: What hours will Brinsley Primary School be open?
* A: Our normal school hours – 8.45am to 12.00pm; 12 to 1pm lunch; 1 to 3.15pm.
* Q: Do I have to book my child into school all day?
* A: No. Please let us know beforehand and you can book your child into school for ½ days if you want, specific days, etc.
* Q: What is happening with food, lunches, and snack?
* A: There will be a school dinner available. As best we can we will adhere to the NCC published menu. Alternatively, you can send your child in with a packed lunch. If you normally pay for a school dinner, you will still be expected to pay.
* Q: What if we need to self-isolate?
* A: The same guidance and rules apply as before. If you or someone in your household displays symptoms (Dry, repeating cough or temperature) your whole household needs to self-isolate for 14 days. If this occurs your place will still be available after self-isolation.
* Q: Will this provision always be at Brinsley?
* A: Next week I will be meeting with other local Head Teachers. We will be discussing the feasibility of a combined childcare provision in the area. I will be in touch with you all when I have more to say.
* Q: How do I get in touch if there is an emergency?
* A: The school office is open in the mornings and I can guarantee that there will be a member of the leadership team in school each day. If there is an emergency you can call the following mobile number: 07979070963. Please note it may not be monitored out of school hours.
* Q: Will there always be a teacher with the children?
* A: Because of the nature of the provision i.e. childcare, it will not necessarily be a teacher with them, but it will always be a teacher or Teaching Assistant.
* Q: What if my child is ill during the school day?
* A: The same rules and expectations as normal i.e. a child will be sent home if unwell.

I am sure there may well be other questions that you may have but please do call or come in and ask next week.

Kind regards

J Osprey