

Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

It was only last Wednesday that we heard all of our schools were about to be subject to an enforced closure by the government and Monday this week that our entire country was placed into a sense of 'lockdown' – whilst our schools reopened to provide care for critical key workers.

I stress here that we continue to receive key messages from the government – all centred on the main strategy of limiting the spread of coronavirus. We have all taken the government message of staying safe on board and are doing all we can to prevent further spread of the virus. We have the safety and welfare of our staff and children as our utmost concern.



WeST 'Edu-care' has gone well through the week and I have been heartened by the activities offered to our young people and by the smooth introduction of 'social distancing' as a matter of course.

As we approach Easter, WeST schools have pulled together to provide 'Edu-care' over the Easter break. In doing so we have adopted a 'hub' approach given the significant number of staff who are self-isolating or ill. When I refer to staff I mean all our staff, our teaching colleagues and crucial support staff. Our schools can only open each day if they have been thoroughly cleaned and are fit for purpose. We have arranged the Hub structure below to deliver provision over the Easter period:

- Plymstock Hub: Hosted at Dunstone Primary School
 - Provision for Dunstone, Wembury, Oreston, Coombe Dean and Plymstock School
 - Sherford Vale will also remain open to provide local capacity

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- Plympton Hub: Hosted at Chaddlewood Primary School
 - Provision for Chaddlewood, Plympton St Maurice, Glen Park, Woodford and Hele's
 - Boringdon will also remain open to provide additional local capacity for Boringdon children
- Ivybridge Hub: Two centres, Ivybridge Community College and Stowford School
 - Provision for Ivybridge Community College, Stowford School and Woodlands Park Primary
- South Hams Hub: Hosted at Yealmpton Primary School
 - Provision for Yealmpton Primary School and Holbeton Primary School
- Callington Hub: Hosted at Callington Community College
 - Provision for CCC
- Ashburton Hub: Hosted at Ashburton Primary School
 - Provision for Ashburton Primary School, The Atrium Studio, Buckfastleigh Primary and SDCC

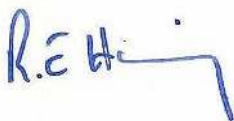
Each school should have been in touch with details of how the provision will work and a booking form.

In offering this provision I urge all eligible parents to carefully consider the government's first line of advice – that if your children can be looked after safely at home, then they should be. Home is the safest place for everyone right now, and the fewer the children we have in school, the lower the risk of infection being spread to staff, children and our families, and of us being unable to continue delivering this provision.

I will write again during the Easter period with details of how WeST schools will provide care provision through the summer term.

Thank you for continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Best wishes



Rob Haring