

Please see a letter below regarding school provision from next week. There is another online form for the Plymstock Hub which needs to be completed including days when provision is required, the link is below.

Points to note:

- Provision will be based at Dunstone Primary School between 9am and 3pm
- Students will be in mixed year groups and with students from other Plymstock schools
- Students will not be undertaking lessons, they will be supervised to complete the distance learning activities set by their teachers.

Any enquiries please contact Liz Monelle at [emonelle@plymstockschool.org.uk](mailto:emonelle@plymstockschool.org.uk).

Thursday 9 April 2020

Dear Parents Carers

We continue to appreciate the efforts that communities are going to, to support key workers, including colleagues in other schools, at these unprecedented times. As a group of WeST schools, we are delivering support as best we can, following government updates and advice carefully.

Parents have been asked to **keep their children at home wherever possible** to prevent the spread of this virus and in doing so protecting their children, their families and other members of the community. We appreciate that many key worker parents have been able to keep their child at home, ensuring that every child who can be safely cared for at home has been, therefore limiting the spread of the virus. **If a parent is working from home, there is no reason for a child to attend Edu-care.** Parents should try to adapt their work routines to better cope with children at home, just as many of our staff are.

WeST schools, within the Plymstock area, will continue to pool resources so that we can offer the critical childcare for the minority of COVID-19 response workers that may need to use us **as a last resort, where there is no other, safe option available.** This care will remain at Dunstone Primary School for the foreseeable future. It is important to underline that schools **MUST** remain safe places for children. Fewer children making the journey to school, and fewer children in educational settings, will protect the NHS and save lives. Please be aware that our current Edu-care offer is subject to change as circumstances relating to the coronavirus pandemic develop. We will endeavour to inform parents as soon as practicably possible.

In addition, CaterEd (Plymouth LA catering) will be offering an option for a picnic lunch/packed lunch. Should you wish to use this option please pre-order through the booking system, using the link below.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5coX\\_IUN7k6CvUqu3C7krdez\\_4Vue61MlIslpmTjhitUNEtVUjhPRTg3Uk05QkhQNjFNMIZDNIIdKRy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5coX_IUN7k6CvUqu3C7krdez_4Vue61MlIslpmTjhitUNEtVUjhPRTg3Uk05QkhQNjFNMIZDNIIdKRy4u)

All staffing and rotas are created on the number of children booked on to the system. It is essential that **all children attending are booked on to the system in advance** using the link above. The system now allows you to book up to 7 May 2020, but will remain open should your circumstances change. Please ensure cancellations are shared with Senior Lead Teacher on duty that day. (Telephone: 01752 401293). This is to maintain the correct ratio of adults to children, for safety reasons. We accept that there are rare emergencies where this may not be possible but please be prepared to provide further details, including your nominated 'safe word', to the Senior staff member on duty, for registration and safety purposes. This also helps us to protect staff and their families and we thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Please support our schools during this difficult time by adhering to the government advice and the systems set up within schools. **If an adult is working from home, then the child should be cared for at home, unless there are highly exceptional circumstances.**

With thanks

WeST Edu-care Plymstock Hub Schools