22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of a Year R or Year 1 Key Worker child,

**Closure Provision for Key Workers at Russell Lower School**

Firstly, to all of you who have been using Closure Provision since the 23rd March, thank you for the enormous amount of support you have shown to us all. We have really appreciated the teamwork between us all to work together in very challenging circumstances – thank you!

**Closure Provision next week (Half Term – Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th May)**

If your child is booked into closure provision next week, please note two key changes:

1. Unfortunately, the kitchen in closed as it is officially half term. Please could you **provide your child(ren) with a packed lunch** in addition to the usual healthy snack and water bottle? Thank you.
2. We are not open on Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday Monday
3. Provision next week remains the same, 9-3:30pm, drop off at the main hall

**Information about Key Worker Provision from 1st June 2020 (assuming school reopens to FS and Y1 as the government plans)**

As you will know, the government **hopes** to allow schools to welcome back children in Reception (Foundation Stage – Doves, Swans and Swifts) and in Year 1 (Owls, Wrens and Puffins) from 1st June. This means that there will no longer be a ‘closure provision’ for children in FS or Year 1, your children will, in effect, go back to school.

Our Key worker provision from the 1st June will, therefore, only have the capacity for children in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. This is so we can create exclusive ‘bubbles’ that children do not move in and out of as I described in my letter to all parents yesterday. To get a full picture of school from 1st June, please read this letter in conjunction with ‘Keeping in touch – 8’ sent out on 21st May.

More information about your child’s ‘bubble’ and other essential information will be sent out to you next week.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone in those year groups and getting back to some sort of normality.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding and patience at what continues to be, a very challenging and stressful time. I really do appreciate us all working together.

Obviously, if there is a further announcement from the government which changes any of these arrangements, we will get in touch with you as soon as possible.

Stay safe and well and have a great half term holiday.

Many thanks and kind regards,

**Nicki Walker**

**Headteacher**