



Birches First School

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School Closure Childcare Provision

Dear Parents,

From Monday 23rd March, Birches First School will be providing an initial offer of childcare for children belonging to any of the following categories;

Vulnerable children including children with EHCPs or children with an allocated social worker.

Children of whose parents are classed as 'Key Workers' according to the Government guidance.

As I am sure you will understand, the demand on schools and our staffing will be significant in coming weeks. To enable us to sustain this initial offer of provision for those most in need, we would ask that parents do take note of the key message from the Government that ***'If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be,'*** regardless of whether they fall into the Key Worker categories.

Please see below an outline of the provision;

Birches breakfast club will be open for those children who need it from 7.30am (normal charges apply).

The school day will begin at 8.40am. Drop off arrangements to be confirmed.

During the day children will have a range of activities to take part in with a mixture of self-selection and more structured/directed activity.

Time will be allocated during the day for children to complete the 'Home Learning' tasks as set on the school website.

Children are able to bring a packed lunch or a school dinner can be provided. We would ask that those that are able to, bring with them a daily snack as fruit deliveries have been cancelled from Friday 20th March.

Children should wear school uniform except on Wednesdays and Fridays when we ask that they come in their Games kits.

At the end of the school day (3.15pm) children can be collected from either the school office or the playground (to be confirmed).

Afterschool Club will be open from 3.15-5.45pm (normal charges apply.) We are hoping to provide a 'packed tea' for those children attending Afterschool Club at approx. 4.30/5.00pm, subject to capacity in the kitchen.

Children will be expected to follow the school rules and expectations whilst attending our childcare provision.

Some families may require childcare to enable them to fulfil their vital roles within our communities on only some days of the week due to part time working/availability of other childcare. Please indicate on the form below which days you will require childcare. As mentioned previously, the advice is that if alternative childcare can be arranged then children **should remain at home**. Therefore it would be appropriate that many children only attend on some days.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club will run for as long as we have the staffing capacity.

Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club and lunches must be booked in advanced at the beginning of the week.

Please note that in an ever changing situation with frequent new updates to guidance, this childcare provision offer may be reviewed and subject to change depending on capacity across Codsall Multi Academy Trust.

Please email jferretti@birches.staffs.sch.uk should your child fall into the identified categories and will need childcare provision. I will then send by reply email the below form to be completed electronically and returned to the same address by 3pm today (Friday 20th March 2020.)

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding,

Best wishes,

Mrs J Ferretti

Acting Headteacher



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School Closure Childcare Booking Form for Eligible Children

Please complete the below form and email it to jferretti@birches.staffs.sch.uk by 3pm on Friday 20.03.2020 to enable us to plan our provision and staffing. Many thanks.

First Parent's name:

Key Worker role:

Child(ren)'s name(s):

Will require childcare on; (please tick those that apply)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM 8.40-12.00					
12-00-1.00					
PM 1.00-3.15					

Will require Breakfast Club (normal charges apply) on; (please tick those that apply)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Will require Afterschool Club (normal charges apply) on; (please tick those that apply)

Until	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4.15					
5.15					
5.45					

Will require school dinners on; (please tick those that apply)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Normal lunch charges apply for children in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4.

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