



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parent,

We have identified your child(ren) as eligible to attend the school during the general closure period.

This may be because you are an identified 'key worker' or because your child has needs that mean they need to continue to access school without interruption.

The overarching principle is that children should be at home if possible. It is essential that **no child** who has any of the identified health conditions that puts them at additional risk attends school regardless of their vulnerability. A list of identified health conditions can be found by following the below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Teaching and support staff will continue working so that we can run at least one class in each of our four year groups. We will be using the main building only, with each year group using one of the 'bases' – Year 3 in Y3D/dB & Y3SH base, Y4 in Y3AW / & Y3N/R base, Year 5 in Y5NL & Y5EC base, and Year 6 in Y5R/J & Y5W/R base. They will be taught by teachers they know from their own year groups.

The core school day will run as it does now, the doors open at 08:35. Staff will come to collect children from the playground on Monday. The normal school day will finish at 15:15. We intend to offer an extended day as we normally do so that parents do not need to make too many alternative arrangements – our offer will be limited in range but we expect to have activities on-site from 08:00 to 16:00 should you wish to use these. Please let us know your need.

School meals, with a reduced menu, will continue to be offered daily. There may be some issues with meeting all the dietary needs in school and parents will be contacted separately where this is so.

We intend to offer an altered curriculum, one that is entirely appropriate to the development stage of the children but one that is less formal than the children normally receive. There will be PE, music, art, drama, literacy and numeracy – in fact a wide and rich learning experience. We will be trying to keep in touch with the rest of the children, by sharing through the Blogs on the school website, safe emails, writing journals and so on. We expect they will really enjoy the next week at school despite the uniqueness of the experience.

School will be open every day of the coming week for your child(ren), whether you actually need to use us every day or not. I would appreciate you letting us know if your child(ren) will not be in for whatever reason, just as you would do normally.

This is going to be a strange experience for all of the school community but I am confident that we will be able to support the children successfully so that they can cope with the coming changes without too much worry.



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Please do not hesitate to contact us, by any of the normal routes, if you are at all concerned, if you need clarification or if you just need to pass on some information.

Best wishes,

SR Jones
Headteacher