



31 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that the latest Government advice is to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus) by asking everyone to remain at home and not travel unless **it is absolutely essential**. Government guidance is clear: **if a child can be kept at home, then they should be**. This will aid with social distancing and ensure that we can reduce the spread of the virus.

To support key workers, where it is not possible for their children to be kept safe and remain at home, and for those identified vulnerable learners, **the school will be open, if required, over the Easter period**. Testbourne Community School staff have been overwhelmingly generous in volunteering their time, including on the Bank Holidays, to supervise children of key workers and our most vulnerable students. We hope that students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of fun and educational activities during this time.

As a reminder, the key sectors that are eligible for consideration are

- Health and Social Care
- Education and Childcare
- Key Public Services
- Local and National Government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

We are currently putting arrangements in place for this Easter provision and, therefore, we are keen to know the likely number of students who will be attending school as soon as possible. For safeguarding reasons, students will still need to attend school in school uniform and for a full day.

During this Easter period, it is not essential for students to attend every day and, therefore, we are asking that you inform us of the days that you would like your child/children to attend. We do appreciate that key workers may have shift patterns that change quickly. We can be flexible in supporting this and would ask that if you require emergency provision that you email us the evening before at adminoffice@testbourne.school

If you wish to use to our Easter provision, then please complete the short online form (<https://tinyurl.com/TCSEasterProvision2020>) by **6.00 pm this evening (31 March)**. This will allow us time to finalise staffing arrangements and put resources in place.

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Please remember that if your child is currently self-isolating because they or someone in the household has symptoms, then they will not be able to attend or be permitted into school until this period of isolation has ceased.

Thank you for continuing to work with us as positively as you have been.

Yours faithfully

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