



**HYTHE BAY**  
Church of England  
Primary School and  
Children's Centre

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

As you are aware the government has directed schools to close, from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, until further notice, as part of the next phase of the coronavirus management plan.

We have been asked to make provision for 3 specific groups of pupils: those who have an Education Health and Care Plan, those who have a named Social Worker, and those whose parents are key workers.

We are awaiting definitive guidance on what constitutes 'key workers'. We can only make provision for children where both parents living in the household are key workers, or where the key worker parent has sole care of the child(ren). We cannot make exceptions to this, as the government estimates that this should be no more than 10% of children in the school, with the aim is to minimise social contact.

If you consider that you are in a key worker role, your child has a social worker, is a child in care or has an Educational Health Care Plan and you need to send your child into school during the closure, please send an email to [headteacher@hythebay.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@hythebay.kent.sch.uk) or come into the office with the following information:

- name and class of your child,
- name and occupation of parent (both parents where they live in the same household with the child/children).
- the name of child's social worker or carer if applicable.

We will then contact you to confirm whether or not your child will be offered a place in school next week. Please respond by 2pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

If your child falls into one of the above 3 categories, but you are able to care for them at home, please do not send them into school.

Please be aware that although we aim to provide a range of learning activities, children may not be taught by their normal class teacher, and will not be following the normal timetable.

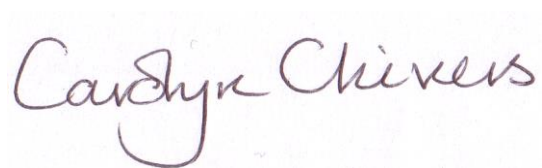
If your child is not attending school, there will be guidance on the school website for the learning that children should do each day while at home from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. This will give details of learning which should be covered in English, Maths and other subjects.

During this time teachers will mark and assess learning if the work is emailed back to them or returned to school. Teachers will endeavour to provide differentiated learning tasks for some individual children, where they are working well below age expectations, this will be emailed directly to parents.

I hope I have provided all the information you need at the moment. These are completely unprecedented and very anxious times for everyone so I thank you all for your patience and understanding. And I am sure you would wish to join me in thanking our wonderful staff for their hard work and flexibility, for trying to keep children's learning going to the best of their ability.

As usual if you have any worries please do not hesitate to talk to us – as I said yesterday we do not have all the answers but we will do our very best to help.

Keep Well



CAROLYN CHIVERS  
HEADTEACHER