



26th March 2020

Dear Parent and Carer

If you have been identified as a Key Worker we would like to confirm that school will be open across Easter, including bank holidays, for you to access childcare. To reiterate **this should only be for any child who absolutely needs to attend**. The Government have asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible and for schools to only remain open for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response.

It was announced on 23rd March that the UK would enter a stricter period of social distancing, with people only allowed to leave home for very limited purposes. The UK-wide measures are intended to delay the spread of the virus. As a result we have strict measures we are enforcing in school:

- If you display any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) you must not visit school. This applies to children, parents, carers, staff and visitors without exception
- We are not allowing parental access to school site and teachers are volunteering their time over Easter on a very reduced rota to strictly limit the spread of the virus
- Across the Easter holidays no transport will be provided. We would ask you to consider preventing any unnecessary travel on coaches, buses or public transport
- Key worker children in school are under strict social distancing measures including maintaining a 2-metre distance from each other, accessing workstations 2 metres apart, reducing numbers to 2 per table, increased respiratory and hand hygiene, enforced hand washing and sanitation of work areas along with outdoor PE, reading and extra breaks

If you wish to book a place for a child as you are a Key Worker across the Easter break and have no alternative please can we ask that you book your child in and we will confirm the place with you.

How to book my childcare place across Easter

If you are a Key Worker and you need to access childcare provision during the Easter Holidays please can you contact us by texting 07712 854023 in the following format:

Child's full name

Parent name

Parent role (e.g. nurse, police etc.)

Days and dates childcare is needed in school

Chard Street, Axminster, Devon EX13 5EA

Tel: 01297 32146

Email: admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk

Web: www.axevalley.devon.sch.uk



Please do this regardless of whether you have indicated you may need childcare previously as there have been many changes to parents' rotas. The deadline for the requests for a place is **9am on 27th March 2020**.

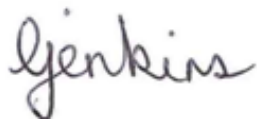
What happens next?

We will telephone every parent who has text the number above on Friday 27th March in the morning to clarify the dates being requested. Please remember **you should only be seeking provision in school if you have absolutely no alternative for your child to be cared for at home safely**. We will then confirm by email the dates that you have been allocated.

Please remember no school transport will be running and the canteen will not be open. As such children will need to bring a packed lunch. We will be doing outdoor exercise and children should either wear gym clothes or bring a PE kit with them.

We continue to promise to support as many families as we are able under the criteria set out for us. Please remember that the directive remains for schools to be mainly closed and that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. We must strictly adhere to this guidance to keep our community safe. We will be operating a strict booking system your child will only be able to come into school if you have had confirmation that their place has been booked.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Jenkins".

Laura Jenkins
Headteacher