



Goldwyn School

Dear Parents

Re: COVID-19 - Friday 20th March 9.45am

Following last night's announcement by the Prime Minister you will be aware that the latest guidance now states:

“the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.”

and:

“the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.”

We are considering what our staffing levels will enable us to offer next week. We have already developed a wealth of online learning resources for children to safely access from home.

We will not be teaching the usual curriculum next week but will be offering a less formal curriculum, in line with Government and KCC guidance: “We are clear that the service being provided by schools will not be school based education, it will be care to support the national effort of containing this virus and reducing fatalities.”

Your child may not be taught by their usual Teacher/TAs, as we have a depleted staff team next week due to many staff being advised to self-isolate with their own families.

Due to some of our staff having to self-isolate, we will not be able to open to all pupils all the time.

If you are isolating your child and family this week, we would expect you to do the same next week. If you are a Key Worker (please see below for definition of key workers) and will need your child to attend school next week, please make sure we are informed by 3pm today, Friday 20th March. If you do not receive a call this morning please email me by 3pm today on headteacher@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk

Please note that we will do our best to offer your child a place next week but we will have to make decisions based on staff availability and levels of student need. We will let you know as soon as we can whether we are able to offer a place.



Principal: Mrs C. Rosslyn BA Hons PGCE, Advanced Diploma EBD

Goldwyn School
Godinton Lane, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent TN23 3BT

T: 01233 622958 F: 01233 662177
E: principal@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk

W: www.goldwyn.kent.sch.uk

It would also be helpful for us to know if you definitely do not want a place for your child at school next week. We will review the situation regularly.

Key workers have been defined as follows:

- Health and Social care staff
- Police & Emergency Service workers
- Delivery drivers who need to deliver food and supplies such as petrol.
- Education and childcare workers
- Key Public services
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and National security
- Transport
- Utilities and communication

Thank you again for your patience and understanding at this unprecedented and difficult time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis".

Charlotte Lewis

Principal
Goldwyn School