

# Honeybourne Primary Academy

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Dear Parents,

27<sup>TH</sup> March 2020

## **COVID-19 – Update on Emergency School Places**

Well done and thank you for managing a week of home-schooling with your children. We are very grateful that so many of you have arranged to keep your children at home, as strongly advised, to prevent the spread of the virus.

Whilst I am aware that a small number of parents have already let us know their requirements for next week, please could I ask that you email [head@honeybourne.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@honeybourne.worcs.sch.uk) to **confirm by mid-day, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. The reason I need confirmation, is that I am allocating staff according to pupil number and need. This week has been a very difficult one all round and it is not helpful if parents decide not to send their children, but don't tell us. I understand that everyone is under pressure but please consider our staff. I do not wish to open school and ask people to come to a public place, unless ABSOLUTELY necessary. Where our school place provision helps essential workers to carry out their jobs, we are very happy to help.

In addition, the government and local authority advice is still, that if one parent is a key worker and the other is not, then you should try to keep the children at home with the other parent/partner. I know this means trying to work at home with children around but this is far safer and we are into preservation of life and well-being here. If you work shifts and don't need a whole day place, please don't ask for a whole day and collect as soon as you can on only the days you need.

On a lighter note, we have been really pleased to receive many texts and photos via social media of the work you are doing at home – it is great to see you getting so involved in your children's learning! Keep them coming as it will keep us all going to stay connected. I daresay, as we approach and work through week 2 of home-schooling, patience may be wearing thin so remember to be calm, take a deep breath, be consistent and ask for advice if you think any of the school staff can help.

I look forward to receiving your requests for school places for next week and during the Easter holiday if you are an essential worker and have no alternative. Please use the form on the website – please note, there is a new form with a timetable for you to complete so we can plan each day separately.

Keep up the good work you are doing with your children and families and keep smiling.

Take care,

Elaine Huntington  
HEADTEACHER

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