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## HM Government Asks Schools to Stay Open for KEY WORKERS

The school will continue to be guided by three core principles:

- **The safety and wellbeing of all members of our community**
- **Following government advice and trying to stay open for KEY WORKERS, in the national interest**
- **Care, kindness and continuation of learning**

### Herne's Situation

We had 279 children (59% of the school) at Herne today and, although we remain open as normal tomorrow, if parents wish to keep their children at home for their safety and the safety of our staff, this would be authorised by us under the circumstances.

We will move to a **Key Worker** service from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March onwards (7.30am – 6.00pm)**, where we will provide a child care service for parents or carers who are Key Workers. **We need to stress that the fewer children we have to accommodate, the more we improve the chances of keeping EVERYONE SAFE in the school**, not least the school staff who are crucial to support other Key Workers with this child care provision.

**Please only access this provision if ALL people in your household are Key Workers and there is no other scope for a family member or friend to provide child care.**

The school will be a 'skeleton service' where people who are Key Workers are really stuck for child care to allow them to carry out their **FRONT LINE** roles.

We are awaiting the exact definition of what a Key Worker is from the government, which is expected later today. Regardless of this confirmation of their definition, in order to help you with your planning for next week, we have defined Key Workers for Herne as the following services:

- **NHS** frontline workers of all grades and roles & pharmacy workers
- **Teachers** in state and private schools or nursery workers in those settings who are needed by their schools for a skeleton service in other schools (as well as Herne)
- Frontline **emergency workers** in the police, ambulance service, fire service and military service
- Frontline Social Care Workers
- Workers in the **food industry**, including supermarkets, food shops and food delivery services who work within school hours. This does not include restaurants, bars, coffee shops etc.

**This list may have to change in light of a clearer definition from Central Government later today.** The urgency and need to keep front line services going across all sectors means being sensible about the sheer number of children and staff being socially distanced to stop cross-contamination of the virus.

**We will continue this service throughout the Easter Holidays**, but will be collating names of children who need this provision on a week-by-week basis. See page 2 for the information we need from you if think you are eligible.

## If you need to use this service for next week (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup>) you must email us the following information:

The name/s of the child/ren and their class.

The days you require your child/ren to be in school.

The times you would like to drop-off and pick up.

Which service(s) you work in that qualifies your household for the **Key Worker service**.

(Please note that Breakfast Club (7.30 – 8.45) and Twilight Club (3.30 – 6.00) charges will be reduced to £2 for mornings and a flat fee of £5 for after-school until April 3<sup>rd</sup>, when this will be reviewed)

**You must email [admin@hernejunior.com](mailto:admin@hernejunior.com) by 9.00am TOMORROW FRIDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> March, so we can plan the staffing for next week.** This Flyer replaces a separate letter which we had intended to send today.

We hope you will respect our prioritisation of these families. Having said that, any families within keyworker industries will still be asked to keep their children at home if they show any signs or symptoms of Coronavirus Covid-19 or are self-isolating as part of social distancing.

## Home Learning Tasks For Children



See our website under the 'Children' tab to access the online services and advice for helping your child to continue to learn at home. Please see our website and Twitter feed for **updates** on accessing learning whilst not at school. Please use Homework books to write in and if any families are struggling for paper, we have a small supply which can be picked up next week (approx. ten A4 sheets per child) and a number of spare exercise books – all free of charge. This assumes you are able to leave home to collect things next week; if not anything to write in would be fine.

## Paper Copies for Supporting Learning Where Families Cannot Access the Internet

For the handful of families that have informed us that they have no Internet access, we have compiled some materials to send home tomorrow and have been selling the CGP Revision Booklets which can be used to keep your child learning. If your child is not in today or tomorrow, you can collect these materials from the office from tomorrow after 2pm and during next week, when we will have a 'skeleton service' in the office.

## Football on Friday Cancelled & Greater Depth Maths Cancelled

Following FA Guidelines for grass roots football, we have decided to cancel our Friday Football Club and Greater Depth Maths session is cancelled tomorrow due to staffing issues.

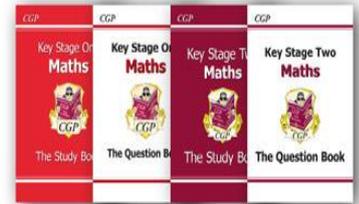


## Do You Have Signs or Symptoms of the Virus?

By way of a reminder, please self-isolate you and your family if in any doubt and **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL** in this instance. Contact 999 or 111 depending on the severity of your symptoms and **KEEP SAFE** by following the Social Distancing Measures.

## Revision Books on Still On Sale Until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Helping your children to follow-up their learning in school is well proven to be a great way to help your child to do well in their academic studies. We are offering discounted CGP maths and reading booklets. The school makes no profit out of this but as we buy them in bulk, we can sell them to you for a very reasonable price. These books are designed to be user-friendly and have helped many of our children over the last few years! 😊 They will still be on sale on Monday and Tuesday next week through our school office, depending on national stock levels.



**Maths Revision Question book and Study book will be £6 (for both books) RRP £11.90 (for both)**

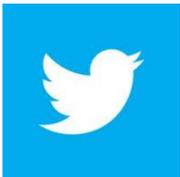
**Reading Revision books will be £2 (including the answers) RRP £3.50**

**Year 6 SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Revision £4 RRP £5.95**

## Avon Tyrrell – Year 5 Residential Visit (April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>)

We have contacted Avon Tyrrell this morning and they are aware of the situation, as things stand. We have absolutely insisted that national events have forced this trip to be cancelled and we are pressing them to offer alternative dates (which may push into the autumn term in Year 6) or to arrange refunds. They are meeting today to decide on the position from their side. We'll let parents in Year 5 know the outcome as soon as we know.

## Follow Us on Twitter & Via Our Website



Most of our breaking news with further developments, hints or tips to support children's learning can be found on our Twitter feed: [@HerneJunior](https://twitter.com/HerneJunior) or [www.hernejunior.com](http://www.hernejunior.com) For example, we Tweeted a useful video earlier this week to demonstrate the importance of soap in handwashing. See this YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/hjXspdbnVU>

1. Wash Hands	
2. Add Soap	
3. Scrub 20 Seconds	
4. Rinse with Water	
5. Dry with Towel	

**KEEP WASHING YOUR HANDS REGULARLY, ESPECIALLY BEFORE EATING.**

**DO NOT TOUCH YOUR FACE, ESPECIALLY EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH.**

**KEEP SAFE! 😊**

**ANOTHER FLYER WILL BE SENT OUT TOMORROW WITH FURTHER UPDATES – Check our Twitter feed and website over the coming months for weekly updates during the total time that the school is closed to the majority of pupils. KEEP SAFE and thank you for all of the lovely messages of support and encouragement. 😊**