

26th January 2021

Dear Keyworkers

Last week was another week in which we were blown away by the amazing work the children in school produced. They really are aiming high and developing resilience. Well done to our key worker children. We are so proud of you.

Accessing key-worker provision

Over a week, we have approximately 29% of our children from reception to year six accessing our key-worker provision. This is well-above the national average. Demand for our key-worker provision is increasing. If it continues to increase, we will have to ask for proof of your working pattern and hours.

In light of this increased demand, I would like to share this information with you: For clarity, the overarching message from the Department for Education has advised that parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can. The Secretary of State for Health has also stated that if you are a key worker and your partner doesn't work, then you shouldn't be sending your children to school if at all possible.

Access to key-worker provision should only be for the days that you are at work. You should collect your child from school at the earliest opportunity.

To support our current in school organisation we would appreciate it if key-workers could drop their children off between 8.00am and 8.30am please.

Lunch

A little reminder that our school chef is back on-site.

Those children in school who are entitled to universal free school meals (children in reception, year one & year two), those who are entitled to benefits-related free school meals will automatically receive a hot meal during lunchtime, if you opt for this.

If you usually pay for your child's lunch and wish for your child to have a hot meal while they are in school this is also available. Just pay for their school meals via their SQUID account.

The meal choices this week are for week one. This menu can be viewed via our school website.

Booking

Please remember you **MUST** book you child in using the link below or the tab on the school website.

<https://www.birklandsschool.co.uk/keyworker>

February Half-term

Some of you have asked if school will be open over the February half-term. At this moment in time schools are still waiting on the DfE guidance relating to this.

Drink and Snack:

Please remember to send your child with their water bottle and a snack for break time.

Remote Learning

When in school your child will be doing their educational learning.

There is no expectation that the days they are in that they also do the remote learning set. We do however, expect them to complete their remote learning on the days they are not in school.

If you require any further clarification, please do get in touch.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.A. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C.A. Smith (Head of School)