



# Norris Bank Primary School

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## Coronavirus Update 2

Dear Parent/Carer

First of all can I say THANK YOU to all the parents who have offered their support and skills to us as a school to help us during this difficult and unknown time.

As you can appreciate from this morning's update which I circulated we were awaiting confirmation from both the cabinet office and from Stockport Local Authority as to how we will proceed regarding school closures and their definition around 'key workers'.

I circulated a 'key worker' information form to you all earlier this afternoon; to complete if it is applicable. I have done this to try and expedite the process as we are still awaiting guidance from the cabinet office. This information will also need to be fed back to the Local Authority so that they are aware of potential numbers.

Stockport Local Authority have been in consultation with all its schools and nurseries today to ensure that they have a clear overview of how Stockport primary schools and nurseries will be able to respond to the current situation.

Currently they have been gathering statistical information regarding the number of children in receipt of Free School Meals, have an EHCP and what current staffing levels are presently across teaching, support, catering and cleaning staff. Consideration has also been given to the impact of child care issues and that many staff are becoming increasingly unwell, have a chronic underlying health need or are needing to self-isolate because of other family members.

With this information they are going to assess the risks across the borough and try to establish where they can offer provision, where they may be able to combine provision in the future and where they may need to allocate staff centrally from the Local Authority. This meeting is scheduled to take place late afternoon.

We are then hoping that we will be contacted as soon as is viable for them to let us know what is happening regarding our own individual schools and staff. As soon as we know anything we will let you know.

I appreciate that there is an awful lot of uncertainty at present and everyone is feeling the strain. Hopefully we will have a clearer picture soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Ponsen

Headteacher

