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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a number of enquiries regarding school opening hours at each of our Trust schools over the scheduled Easter holiday period from Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April.

We will be providing care for key worker's children over the Easter period as we want to support the nation's efforts to deal with this unprecedented situation. We will however be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

However, as Easter opening is over and above any normal school provision, we will only be opening for children whose parents/carers, are both key workers or for single parent/carer families where the parent/carer is a key worker.

Key workers are defined by the government's criteria:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Obviously, from an infection control perspective, the fewer children in school the better, as this will help to control the spread of COVID19. All other occupations are deemed by the government to be non-essential and therefore our expectation is that children where only one parent/carer is a key worker will be cared for by the other parent/carer during this time.

We are sorry if this causes you any inconvenience but believe that this is a manageable solution for us over this period, as we struggle with staff shortages due to self-isolation, family isolation and long term conditions that mean people cannot work with children at this time.

Yours sincerely

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