



# Dashwood Banbury Academy

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## Provision for Key Workers

Dear parents/carers,

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you for your service to the country as a Key Worker. As we all know, the roles we play as Key Workers are invaluable and essential to keep everything going.

I am writing to you today to confirm the arrangements for places at the school. As you know, Banbury currently has a very high transmission rate of Covid-19 which is something we are all keeping a close eye on. Due to this, I am concerned that we have over 1/3 of our pupils still attending school and meaning that social distancing is very hard to maintain. I would like to say another thank you to those of you who have already worked hard to decrease the number of days you require in school. I am asking that everyone, as a key worker, continues to review their situation and only use a place in school as the very last resort as there is no one at home to look after your child. Children should not be sent into school if other childcare arrangements can be made (within the lockdown guidance). The places are not to be used for parents to work from home, take a day off, for providing learning or to get household jobs completed etc. I know this is not likely to be the case with the vast majority of you but we did have examples of this in the first lockdown. The provision is also not in place to continue your child's education; we are putting a huge amount of effort into providing an excellent remote learning provision. The children in school are completing the same work that the children complete at home via remote learning. So if your child can be at home, they should stay at home.

We register your child as they enter the school every day, and double check this when they are all in class. If there are days you can keep your child at home, we really appreciate you doing this. They will not lose their place here but it means we are reducing the number of pupils in at any point. I know for some of you, you have already been able to arrange a day or so a week which you are at home and can therefore keep your children with you – thank you so much for this. We are very flexible with places as we know many of you work shifts so children can attend some days one week and others the next or even part days if your shift finishes early for example. If you are able to accommodate this, please just call the office or send an email with the dates you do not need. If your child is absent due to sickness or a change in your work arrangements, we need to be informed as soon as possible, especially if the absence is Covid-19 related.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding. We are delighted that we can provide a service that means so many of you can carry on with your essential roles, in our community and beyond, and that we can continue to support our pupils who need it the most. We look forward to the day when we can reopen the school as usual, but we look forward to working with you closely over the next few weeks of the lockdown. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Amy Rogers

Principal



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