

EMERGENCY CHILDCARE TOP TIPS

Please remember: If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

We have had a few questions regarding this, hopefully this will help:

1. If my child comes in to school, will they be taught by their teacher?

This is unlikely, the numbers of children in school will be limited, therefore staff will work on a rotation basis. Which staff are in school will rely heavily on if they are well or not.

2. Will my child come to Finlay every day?

On Monday 23rd, we will be opening Finlay. However, the local authority are looking at pooling resources. This means that children and staff from other schools could come to Finlay. Or our children and our staff could go to another school. If we didn't have any staff available at Finlay, the local authority would provide childcare at another school for your child.

3. What will they do in school? My child can't afford to miss out on learning?

The structure of these days will look very different to a school day structure. The children will have the chance to complete work set by their school teacher, the same as the other children. The facility schools are now offering will be 'care' and not 'education' as we used to. It is likely to be a mixture of learning time, games, sports and arts and crafts.

4. What will the timings be?

This is yet to be confirmed by Local authority so may change. Initially we would be looking at our usual opening hours of 9:00 – 3:00. Breakfast club should be available for the first week, and then we will plan for the following. Please email hannah.williams@finlay.gloucs.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Key Workers – here is the official list.

1. Health and social care
2. Education and childcare
3. Key public services
4. Local and national government
5. Food and other necessary goods
6. Public safety and national security
7. Transport
8. Utilities, communication and financial services

Please follow the advice below:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

2. Parents should not rely for on childcare from grandparents (over 70), friends or family members with underlying health conditions.
3. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Children DO NOT have to come to school, this isn't mandatory. If parents would rather them stay at home or elsewhere. That is parental choice.

This should help you make a decision.....

