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## URGENT update re. next week!

Dear Parent or Carer,

Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this crisis. Your kind words, patience and understanding are important to us at this difficult time. We are continuously making decisions to tackle daily challenges, but knowing that we have such amazing support from parents, carers and families is of great comfort.

We regret to inform you that after working tirelessly over the last few days to ensure we could provide childcare for the children of key workers, **we are now unable to open on Monday** after all. This is because our boiler has today been condemned! As you can imagine, this is quite stressful on top of an already difficult week. If you are a key worker and have already been in touch with school, you may be able to access EMERGENCY childcare at Oughtibridge School on Monday. Please email them at [enquiries@oughtibridge.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@oughtibridge.sheffield.sch.uk) before 12pm tomorrow to arrange this.

We have worked hard today to ensure that we have a new boiler installed on Monday. If this goes ahead as planned, please follow the instructions for 'Plan A' below. If not, we will inform you via sQuid and social media and we will need to follow 'Plan B'. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and hope you understand that this is completely out of our hands. Our first priority is keeping the children and staff safe so it would be irresponsible to open the school on Monday.

### Plan A – School open on Tuesday

- If you are a key worker and have already been in contact with school, you will be able to send your child from Tuesday onwards.**
- Please book places via sQuid or email [headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk) if you cannot access sQuid.
- If you require breakfast club or after school-care, this is chargeable and also booked via sQuid.



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- Taylor Shaw will be providing meals which are chargeable in the usual way unless you are entitled to free-school meals. There will be a choice of only the 'Red' option for each day or a jacket potato. Please DON'T book these via sQuid – we will ask your child what they want! If they don't like either option, please send sandwiches.
- If your child attends Nursery and requires a place, you can book on for any day (regardless of your usual day) by contacting Mrs Daglish on: [enquiries@wharncliffe.side.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@wharncliffe.side.sheffield.sch.uk). Any hours over and above your entitlement will be charged at the usual rate.

### Plan B – School is not able to open on Tuesday

If school is not able to open on Tuesday, we have made arrangements to access provision at Oughtibridge School using our staff. Unfortunately, this will NOT include Nursery children. We will contact you on Monday if this is the case.

Please remember that schools are closing to minimise the spread of the virus so you should try to keep your child at home if at all possible. The Government's guidance regarding key workers etc. can be found here:

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

Thank you for your understanding. We will continue to do all we can to support our amazing families and community at this difficult time. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [headteacher@wharncliffe.side.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@wharncliffe.side.sheffield.sch.uk).

Yours Sincerely



Mr Gaughan



