

We have compiled a list of FAQ's in the hope these help to answer some of the many questions you may have. With best wishes to all; we hope it won't be long before we see you sometime soon.

The Team of St. Leonard's Primary School

School Closure FAQ

1. I don't qualify as a key worker according to the list but I still need to work. Will school be able to look after my child?

Unfortunately, not. The government have been very clear that the sole purpose of keeping schools open is to support the people who are working directly to support the UK through this crisis.

2. My child has left their PE kit/coat/lunch box/water bottle etc. in school. Can I come and collect this?

No. During the closure period we cannot allow access to school for anyone who should not be here. Unfortunately, we won't be able to deliver these to your home address but we will keep them safe in school for now.

3. Can I get a refund for Leo's Den/Leo's Nursery March payment?

We will be cancelling all booked sessions for the foreseeable future. We will refund you via ParentPay in due course.

Please note, this does not apply to payments that have been made by childcare vouchers as these monies have to be refunded directly to them.

4. The government have announced support for children who have Free School Meals. How does this work for me?

Firstly, we just need to ensure parents understand the two types of Free Schools Meals:

- Universal Infant Free School Meals - this is for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. As far as we are aware, support is not available for this type.
- Deprivation Free School Meals - this is for those families on low income/in receipt of certain benefits. Those families entitled to this will be aware they are in receipt of Free School Meals as they have to declare this with the local authority. These are the families we believe will be eligible for Free School

- At the moment information on how this will work has not yet been released so we will contact those families to which this applies separately to give clarification.

5. Does the closure apply to Nursery?

Yes. The Nursery will close in line with the main school closure. However, the same conditions in terms of categories of Key Workers, EHCP's and vulnerable children will also apply to the parents of Nursery children.

6. How will this affect Year 2 and Year 6 SATS?

All tests and exams due to take place in May and June are cancelled. We expect more information on how this will affect the children to be released at a later date and will inform parents as soon as we know.

We hope we have covered some of the main questions you have at this time but you can email the office inbox if there is anything further you need clarification on.

What will happen if my child is still attending school?

- Children will attend school from 8:45 - 15:25
- The school building will be open only for these hours
- There will be no Breakfast and After School Club facilities
- Children who become unwell during this time will be asked not to return
- At any point, our childcare service may have to change as this is fully dependent upon having the staff who are well and able to work
- It will be impossible for us to continue teaching the National Curriculum and therefore children will be given work and take part in activities as best that we can manage with minimal staff
- We may have to ask for proof of your employment if we feel it is necessary

We must reiterate that, where possible, you try to manage childcare provisions outside of school. We need the rules to be very tightly followed throughout this tricky time for everyone.