

Coronavirus: Easter Holidays



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were pleased to find that many of the parents who we were expecting to bring children in today have made the effort to find other arrangements. This has meant that we have been able to keep the children safe in school today and protect the children of front line workers. We have to make difficult decisions every day to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible, whilst still supporting our front line workers and responding to ever changing government advice.

We cannot emphasise enough to parents the importance of making every effort to keep your child at home. We can often feel as though North Devon is somehow disconnected from the rest of the country, when in fact we are just as much at risk as other areas and need to act now to stop the spread of the virus.

Holiday club

Following government advice, our Holiday Club over the Easter holidays will only be running for parents where **both parents** (or single parents) are key workers. We will not be charging for the Easter holidays, however we have a maximum limited capacity and so we are asking parents that are eligible to only sign their child up on days where they have absolutely no alternative.

Holiday club will be running from Monday 30th March through to Monday 13th April. We will be running Monday – Friday (including bank holidays) 8am-5.30pm.

If you feel that you need emergency childcare over the Easter holidays then please let us know via e-mail at : admin@southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk telling us why you are eligible and the days and hours as soon as possible and by Wednesday 25th March at the very latest. Places will be allocated firstly by key worker status and then on a first come first serve basis. We will let you know by Friday 27th March at the latest if you have a confirmed place.

After Easter

Emergency childcare for all eligible families will start again on Tuesday 14th April. We would like parents to e-mail in and let us know the days and times that they will require childcare from the week beginning Tuesday 14th-17th April. We are investigating possible online booking systems, however for now please e-mail us as soon as you have worked out when you need emergency childcare from the 14th April onwards as this helps us with staffing.

If only one parent is a key worker and you have a partner who is not in a key role then you may find that access to emergency childcare changes after the Easter holidays. We are waiting for government advice on this. Our suggestion would be to start considering alternative provision so that this does not come as a surprise later on.

If you are already at home with your child then we hope that your first day is going well. Please keep checking the school website and teachers will be in touch with you at home at some point nearer the end of the week to check how you are all getting on.

Take care and look after each other,