

Our ref: SA/GEBJ/pb

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Dear Parents

Re: On-site Supervision for Children of Key Workers (Nursery – Year 13)

As you are aware, we have been running an Easter Holiday Club for children of key workers across the Eastbourne College Charity. This has been successful and we are appreciative of the efforts of the staff involved.

As the new term approaches, we are now turning our attention to the staffing arrangements necessary for having children of key workers supervised at St Andrew's Prep during school hours. The Government position on this has not changed and the following is an excerpt from the Department for Education's very latest update:

It is important to underline that schools, all childcare settings (including early years settings, childminders and providers of childcare for school-age children), colleges and other educational establishments, remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Schools, and all childcare providers, are therefore being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.

We recognise that there will be a number of St Andrew's and Eastbourne College parents who are involved on the front line in the fight against Covid-19 and so we will be providing education and care for the children of these parents on site at St Andrew's Prep.

Please note that the children will be tackling the same work through personal study and on-line lessons as everyone else who is working remotely from home but they will be here at school supervised by a minimal yet appropriate number of staff. All computer systems are on the same network so Eastbourne College pupils will have no problem accessing their work from the computers at St Andrew's.

As part of our minimal staffing structure during this period, none of the catering team are on site and so children who come to school will need to bring a packed lunch and two snacks with them. Also we will not be running a bus transport service during this period.

The children can be supervised until 5.30pm (Nursery – Y13) but parents can collect earlier if they wish.

If you, as parents, have children in Reception to Year 13, are in one of the categories of key workers and are unable to have your child(ren) at home please complete the booking form by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=C4bZQ3645kmlcWktJDcLTsfnEnbAVw9AmMya-F-QpbZUN0hJRkjlRzgxWlU2VIA0SkdOODBTvDBMTC4u>.

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If you have a child in the Nursery please contact Claire Fineing (cfineing@standrewsprep.co.uk). Nursery parents will be billed in the usual way.

Additionally, we would be very interested to know from parents of key workers if there is any appetite for **boarding provision**. In order to comply with lockdown and social distancing requirements, boarding provision is likely to be seven-day per week full boarding at Eastbourne College separate from those day pupils travelling to and from home. If you might have need of this provision, please email the relevant contact:

- St Andrew's Prep - Mark Tomsett (mtomsett@standrewsprep.co.uk)
- Eastbourne College – Gwen Taylor-Hall (getaylor-hall@eastbourne-college.co.uk)

As schools, we are committed to supporting our community though this difficult time and, once again, we would like to thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

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