



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Recovery Plan - Childcare Requirements

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have no doubt heard the announcement about schools potentially opening for some or all pupils in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6 from 1st June.

The government guidance for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Like schools around the country we are considering the new guidance for schools and in common with schools across the country, have many questions, concerns and barriers to overcome. This week we are continuing risk assessments as part of this planning process.

Be assured that our overwhelming priority is to create the safest possible environment for our children and staff and the school governors and staff are working closely with the local authority and a range of other organisations to guide our planning. Initially any return to school will be phased and we will have limited capacity governed by a number of factors, including the ongoing provision of childcare.

**If you are not already accessing key worker childcare.** To help us, we need a clearer idea of the number children of key workers who will require childcare in the period between now and the end of the summer term. Clearly, at this stage, we understand that parents may not know if they will be able to care for their child at home or if and when they will be required to return to work. However, an indication of what might be required will help us – we know it might change.

**Childcare is only open to parents who fall into the key worker definition identified at the start of lockdown and parents may be required to provide evidence of their eligibility.**

If you think that you are eligible and will need childcare please email school ([info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk)) providing the following information:

Keyworker roles and places of work

1. Name of your child/children and year group/s
2. Days of the week where childcare is required.
3. Date from which you need the provision to start.

Please respond by 9.00am on Wednesday 20th May. ([info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk) – key worker)

Once we have identified how much childcare is required, we will know the capacity we have for further pupils in the identified year groups. Once capacity has been reached as identified by our risk assessment, we will not be able to offer additional childcare.

We will try our best to keep you updated, as you will have seen over the weekend, it is an ever changing picture. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

Kind regards

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