



18th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I apologise for the incredibly late correspondence. Following on from the Prime Minister and Secretary of State’s announcement this evening regarding school closures, I wanted to inform you as soon as possible of our next steps in response to this announcement.

It is clear that education and children’s social care settings are increasingly finding it difficult to continue as normal, as illness and self-isolation impacts on staffing levels and pupil attendance. To provide parents, pupils and staff with the certainty they need the Government have announced that schools, colleges and early years settings will be closed to everyone **except** children of key workers and vulnerable children from Monday 23rd March 2020, as part of the country’s ongoing response to coronavirus.

Examples of these workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans. A full list of key worker categories will be published by the Cabinet Office tomorrow and, once we have access to this list, we will need to ascertain who in our community is a ‘key worker’. We will send out a letter tomorrow for all families to identify which children we will need to make provision for.

Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care. As mentioned in previous correspondence, the school has already made arrangements for learning to continue at home and these instructions, along with any relevant resources that the teachers have prepared, will be cascaded to you by Friday 20th March 2020.

I would like to thank you all once again for your overwhelming support, understanding and patience. One parent said to me only this morning that she loves how the school community, “*care so much for each other*” and genuinely “*look out for each other.*” I wholeheartedly agree!

Please enjoy the rest of your evening and I look forward to seeing many of you in the morning. We will be in touch throughout the day with further information.

Kind regards,

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