



Friday 20th March 2020

Re: Sending your Child to School and Key Worker Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government have now released a communication to schools and parents outlining their definition of critical workers and stating which children are eligible to come to school on Monday. As a school we are very keen to support the national effort to contain Coronavirus and provide essential services to allow Key Workers to continue working. Therefore, if you are a key worker please read the guidance below and if you still require your child to attend school you must complete the questionnaire in the School Spider App.

The guidance from the Government states:

'As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. And the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

It is important to underline that schools, 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 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.

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans.'

Should you believe you are classed as a key worker according to the newly distributed list then please ensure you complete the questionnaire in the School Spider App by 10.30am so we can ensure school is staffed adequately for the number of children involved. The website outlining who are Key Workers and guidance associated with them attending school can be found by following this link. [Key Workers Guidance](#)

We appreciate your understanding, we are trying to plan for and react to directives from the Government as soon as they are released. Further details surrounding school meal provision will follow.

Kind regards,

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