

Wednesday 13 May 2020



## COVID19 – Plan

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

Thank you so much for your continuing patience and support in these very worrying and confusing times.

As a school we still feel the safest place for your child is at home with you, whether you are a key worker or someone who can't work from home.

Whilst we are over the peak of the virus, very little has changed in regards effectively reducing the spread and with a vaccine our only hope of protecting ourselves, and this being several months if not longer away, school and school life as we know it, will not be the same.

Drastic changes have needed to be made to ensure we all remain safe and healthy and unfortunately some of these changes will need to continue for several months or more.

As you know the Prime Minister made an announcement on Sunday, outlining that pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Y6 may look to return to school from 01 June, however in guidance that came out following the announcement, it is very clear that this does not apply to special schools.

After closely reading the guidance, it advises that special schools continue to update their individual pupil risk assessments in partnership with their parents, pupil's social workers if they have them and other professionals and determine if a place is needed for a child, and that this is done on a case by case basis.

It is also clear that attendance at school is a personal choice and for those parents who want to protect their child and keep them at home, this should be supported and there will be no consequences or fines from the school or the local authority for keeping your child off school.

I have met with my leadership team and had a whole staff team meeting this afternoon and have agreed the following plan going forward.

### PLAN

- 1. Encourage parents who can, to keep their child at home with them, as this is the safest place for them**
- 2. Continue to regularly update the individual pupil risk assessment in partnership with parents and other professionals and offer places where needed**
- 3. Identify consistent groups of pupils, in consistent bases, supported by a consistent group of staff members who are familiar to them**
- 4. Continue to update our school-based risk assessments to ensure safety is paramount for all those onsite**



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Please keep us updated on your individual family situations and should it change please get in touch with a member of the Pupil & Family Support team

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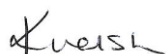
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Thank you all so much for your continued support and understanding.

Kindest regards,

Keep Safe 



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