

20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all parents who completed the survey online about childcare and occupation. This allowed us to plan ahead and anticipate yesterday's announcement about how schools will be repurposed during the Covid-19 crisis.

The rest of this letter is only directed at those people who have been designated as critical to Covid-19 workers

We have used the initial information to model how we can provide a service in the current climate, however, the government released their definition of key workers late last night, so there is a need to reassess. Full details can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers>

The key message throughout the guidance is that **if it is at all possible for your children to be at home, then they should be. Every child who can safely be cared for at home, should be.** I am sure there will be many conversations at home (I know there is in mine) balancing the boredom of leaving our children at home against the increased risk in a social setting.

In order to put provision in place, we are asking people who are in a designated key area of work (as defined by the government) to complete the form below as soon as possible. This will allow us to contact you directly to establish the nature of the care you require. I realise this is all very short notice.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDEGLaTWRbl0IVKI4dRGi7xyRjDteP1xs9MnONCyjvlcH4A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Once we have established the contact details for the key workers, we will then ask directly about any bespoke requirements (including days, siblings etc.) I am aware that there may be opportunities to keep children at home (as suggested) on certain days, but not others. Finding this out will be stage two of our plans.

Thank you all for your patience and support and I hope you are all keeping well during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher