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Dear Parents

Coronavirus Update – Provision for children of Key Workers

As you will be aware, the Government has announced school closures from the end of Friday 20th March for the majority of students.

Schools have been asked to remain open for the children of those parents who are classed as “Key Workers” along with other students who may need to remain in school. In order for us to plan properly for this provision we need to ascertain numbers of students in the “Key Worker” category. You may already have responded to a text from school on this matter and in this instance, we will make contact with you to confirm details.

If you have not yet responded and believe that you may be in this category, please can I ask you to consider the following:

1. Review the list of designated Key Workers on the government’s website, due to be released later today.
2. For single-parent/carer families or where both parents/carers are classified as Key Workers, you may decide that you wish your child/children to continue to attend school from Monday 23rd March. In this instance, please email db@birkenheadparkschool.com before 2pm on Friday 20th March or ring school before this time on 0151 651 3565. You will need to provide:
 - Name(s) of child/children
 - Your name and contact mobile number
 - Your job title and place of work
 - Confirmation of your employment

The school day/timings will run as normal from Monday for students within this category who will be joined by a small number of other students who need to remain in school, with the exception that there will be a 3pm finish on Mondays and Tuesdays. However, a rota of staff will be put in place to supervise these students and you will appreciate that it will not be possible for formal lessons to be delivered – a programme of alternative activities will be put in place. Students will be able to access lunch as they would normally although menu choices will be restricted.

You will appreciate that these are unprecedented times and we must all work together to balance support for our students, families and community with doing all we can to implement the latest government guidelines on social distancing. We will share more information when we can and will review any arrangements on a regular basis, always keeping the health and well-being of students and staff our highest priority.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher