

Warmley Park School and College

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20th March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

In light of the recent Government information relating to pupils whose main carer is a key worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans, I am working with the senior leadership team, South Gloucestershire Council, and the Headteachers of other local special schools to formulate a plan to address this. We started this process yesterday and will be continuing it for the **next few days so until we have completed this we will not be able to offer in school provision**. To help us with this planning we will be sending out a questionnaire today. Please complete it by 11am on Monday 23rd March to enable us to identify the requirements.

This service will be designed to allow vulnerable children to attend (predominately as a safety measure) and essential workers to continue to work. It is not designed as childcare for parents who do not absolutely need it as the more children we have in school, the greater the risk is to them, their families, staff and all the essential workers whose children are in school.

PLEASE NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE STATES THAT: 'If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.'

Please do not use this service if it is not essential. We will be using an objective assessment to inform who will be offered places as it is crucial to keep numbers as low as possible to avoid spreading the virus. We recognise that several parents and carers have already taken the decision to self isolate and there will not be a requirement for their child to attend as the Government have made it very clear that their priority is to prevent the spread of COVID19. At present we also have a high number of staff who are self isolating and this will be factored into our planning .

To be able to open the school and operate safely there are a number of considerations that we are assessing including staffing levels, how pupils will get to school, being able to complete a deep clean of the premises, safeguarding factors, and the health and medical needs of pupils.

We are committed to making provision as soon as we can do so whilst ensuring the safety of our school community. Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.

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