



Explore, Learn and Grow Together

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you received the school closure information and have had opportunity to look at the school websites and to explain to your children what this means for them in the coming weeks. I have spoken to the children in assembly this morning to share this information with them and to make clear the expectations that we have for their learning over the coming weeks.

The priority for the children is to:

- continue with their learning
- stay away from others outside their immediate family/home
- keep fit and healthy
- help parents and carers whenever and however they can

By now you may have heard in the media that the government has released this morning the list of what they determine to be key workers during the current situation in relation to the Covid-19 virus. Whilst this list is extensive, we would urge everyone to take time to read very carefully the document released this morning. A full copy of the document accompanies this letter in the **HOME LEARNING** tab on our school websites.

Whilst our aim is to stay open for as long as we can to provide supervision for the children of key workers and those children who need additional support, it is important to note that within the advice it states that:

**“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.”**

In doing so the Government has set out principles of this supervision:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them. However, this should only be considered if remaining at home is not an option.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

We ask that if after reading the government document you would like to request that your child attends school that you contact the school office by telephone today to let us know so we can finalise staffing. Thank you to those of you who have already responded – you do not need to call again at this time. We will further communicate with you later today as to how this will operate next week. We have plans in place for this from Monday which will be subject to daily review. Whilst this may be the last day in school for the majority of our pupils for a while, we will continue to stay in communication with the whole school community via text and through our school websites.

Yours sincerely

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