

"I am able to do all things by
the one who strengthens me"

Philippians 4:13
Lexham English Bible



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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the on-going government advice, we all have a social responsibility as a wider community, to minimise the risk of infection spreading by maintaining social distancing.

We now have the final list from the Government with the definition of key workers. I must stress that as a community, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing.

The purpose of schools remaining open on a limited basis is to facilitate front line workers in continuing to provide much needed services. If there is another adult who is not on the list of key workers who can look after the children, they must keep their children at home to limit the chance of the virus spreading. This could include any extended family member under the age of 70.

Our school will remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in school, the lower the risk that the virus can spread.

It is important to understand that the school curriculum will not be taught during this period. The school will just provide child care and supervision for those children who need to attend.

If workers think they fall within the critical categories they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service. If the above criterion applies to you, please let school know **by 1.00pm** today, Friday 20th March if you are going to use the school's provision so that we can add your child's name to the register.

I would like to stress again that, if there is another parent who is not a key worker they are responsible for looking after their child. Children wherever possible, must stay at home. The Government guidance clearly states that **'Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.'**

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Briggs
Headteacher

