



20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Preparing for next week

We are continuing to prepare for our closure from Monday 23rd when we will only remain open for our most vulnerable pupils, those with EHCPs and for the children of key workers where this will enable them to continue their work which is necessary in supporting the fight against the coronavirus. Thank you for providing any information required as to whether you think you fall into the category of a Keyworker. There has been further information regarding this group this morning. This can be found at

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

We would like to clarify that the decision by the Government to close schools to the majority of pupils was taken as a strategy to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The Government strongly advise if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why they have 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.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. Children and families who are not critical to the COVID-19 response should stay at home and adhere to Government advice.
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 where possible and providing we have the staff and school resources to maintain this.
3. 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.

Those of you that fall into the identified categories will be able to send your child/ children from Monday. We will be giving you a form to complete on Monday to clarify your role and ensure that we are able to offer this place for the foreseeable future following the government guidelines. This will ensure that we can have appropriate provision in place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff in school for their hard work and support in the challenging times and also to thank you for your understanding in these exceptional circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S Bishop
Head Teacher