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Dear Parents and Carers

The government has released its latest advice for schools and is shown below:

'The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why 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. Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the COVID-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.'

Further to this; 'Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

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.
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.'

They have also just released an identified list of key workers and updated their recommendations. If the information below applies to you, could you please complete the Google form (<https://forms.gle/BXujehh8ptRK6LUr9>) so that we can co-ordinate our endeavours and ensure appropriate provision is in place. Identified key workers are as follows;



- Health and Social Care. e.g. Doctors, nurses, paramedics, care workers, midwives etc
- Education and childcare e.g. Nursery and teaching staff
- Key Public Services e.g. Justice system, religious staff, charity workers delivering front line services
- Local and National Government e.g. Administrative occupations essential to payment of benefits
- Food and necessary goods: Food production, distribution, sales and delivery
- Public Safety and national security e.g. Police, armed forces and ministry of defence, fire and rescue services, prison and probation staff
- Transport e.g. Air, water, road and rail services
- Utilities, communication and financial services e.g. Essential financial service staff, oil, gas, electricity and water sectors.

Further guidance from the government is available here:

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

Please be aware that normal College bus services will not be in operation and therefore, students will need transporting to and from College. We will operate normal school hours (8:30am – 3:00pm) and students should come in comfortable attire – uniform is not required. Our catering staff will provide a limited food service.

Unless we receive notification via the Google form of your child's intended attendance, we will not be in a position to accept them into the College – this is to reduce risk to everybody on site. If you work within one of these key services and your child is presenting with symptoms of the Coronavirus, please seek alternative means of care.

We thank you all for your patience and support. This unprecedented event has caused considerable anxiety for a huge number of us and I am so very grateful to all of our community who have rallied together and supported one another at this very difficult time. We are hugely grateful for the number of community responses that we have already received in terms of offers of help and support. (Please note that only individuals with a DBS (enhanced disclosure service) will be allowed on site).

If you require your child/children to remain in school, please [click here](#) to complete the Google form as soon as you are able to. It is essential that we receive this information promptly, so that we can work through our staffing model for next week and beyond.

Stay safe, look out for one another and take care

Best wishes



Wendy Ainsworth