

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know school will be closed to most children from the end of today, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We are finalising plans for remaining open to those identified groups of pupils, including those with an EHCP and pupils whose parents are identified as Key Workers. Thank you if you have already let us know you might need provision.

Please read the information below.

### **Key Workers**

The Government issued updated information for parents and schools including the key worker list after midnight last night.

They can be found on the following links.

Closure of educational settings - information for parents and

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

Maintaining educational provision <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

The guidance on Key Workers is vague, but the clear message is that:

**all children that can be cared for at home should be.**

The request to remain open in some form is aimed at supporting those who have to work with the most vulnerable to be able to continue to do so.

Therefore, for those eligible:

- Although the guidance says only one parent now has to be a key worker, if the other parent/adult in the household does not work, please do not ask for a place as this would be unnecessary.
- If you can make alternative arrangements for your child to be looked after outside of school, even if you are a key worker, then please do. They are safest at home.
- If your shift does not cover the school day, then please do not send them to school.
- If both parents are key workers and are not in work during the school day, then please do not send children to school.

We all know how important it is that our frontline staff can work as none of us know when we may need them.

In school, we are working with reduced capacity as we have our own staff off work. Like everyone, we are all having to adapt in our working and everyday lives. Our staff are committed to helping and supporting where possible and their commitment goes above and beyond the call of duty.

**If we are to help prevent the spread of this virus, it is vital we only have those in school who absolutely need to be. Once you have checked all the information, and you can confirm you still require provision at school, please tell the school as soon as possible today. Of course, we will be here to support as long as we are able to.**

Mrs Watson