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IMPORTANT INFORMATION from the government on closure of educational settings

Dear Parents / Carers,

This morning the government has released further guidance documents relating to school closures and specific information for key workers.

The documents outline key information linked to parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response **(please follow the link below for an overview of key roles:)**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

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.

Arrangements for children with external agencies involved

If your family are being supported by an external agency such as a Family Support Worker or Social Worker, then your child is welcome to come into school, if they are well enough to do so. If you choose to/need to keep your child(ren) at home, then a member of school team will make contact with you on a daily basis and may make home visits.

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.

If you are a key worker or have a vulnerable child and intend to send your child to school, please let school know by 12:00noon today if they will be attending next week and on which days you will need them to be in school. We can then make the appropriate provision to ensure we can support you at this difficult time.

Kind regards,



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