

Thursday 19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you are aware, the government announced yesterday that they are advising school closure from the end of the school day on Friday 20th March. However, the announcement also included an expectation that schools will continue to provide care for children of key workers, those with EHCPs and vulnerable pupils.

At this time, we are awaiting clarification from the government, CAT and the LA on how and where this support will be provided, who falls into the category of key worker and whether it includes one or both parents. **Your child/children will be eligible to attend school during normal school hours if the following apply:**

- both parents are key workers
- you are a key worker and a single parent.

Please note, if one parent only is a key worker then it is expected that the non-key worker will care for their child/children at home, to support the government's recommendation for social distancing in schools.

We appreciate that this is an unsettling time and many of our families will want their children to continue to attend school and for things to be as normal as possible. However, the intention of the government's decision to close schools from tomorrow is to drastically reduce the number of pupils attending school on a daily basis, limiting this specifically to helping key workers remain in service and to continue to provide support for vulnerable pupils.

To allow us to begin to make strategic plans for the weeks ahead we are requesting parents who fall into any of the categories listed below to provide information to the school office by **Friday 20th at 1.00pm** via email to admin5207@welearn365.com providing details of the following:

- **Child/children's name(s) and class(es)**
- **Which key service or services you and your partner work in**
- **Which days you need your child/children to be in school (full days).**

Parent occupations:

Social worker
Clinical NHS staff
Emergency services staff
Delivery driver
Armed Forces personnel
Prison/Probation service staff
Local authority planners
Care workers
Supermarket workers including delivery driver
Teachers/nursery nurses

We recognise this may not be the final list, but will update parents once we have received further clarification. **Please contact the office by email only if you are eligible for your child to attend school.** The school will contact parents of children with EHCPs and those who meet the vulnerable pupil criteria once arrangements for provision have been finalised.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Mitchell (Head Teacher)