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Dear parents/carers

Thank you for taking the time to read this important message.

School will be open for all pupils today and then we will be closed for the vast majority until further notice.

The Government have now confirmed the list of key workers whose children will be allowed to attend school from Monday.

Please be aware that the DfE are stating:

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:

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

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.

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.

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.

Residential special school, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible. If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision.

The Government list is as follows:

Health and social care

Frontline health and social care staff such as doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, as well as support and specialist staff in the health and social care sector. In addition it includes those working in supply chains including producers and distributors of medicines and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

Nursery, teaching staff and social workers.

Key public services

Those required to run the justice system, religious staff, as well as those responsible for managing the deceased, and journalist providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

Administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the Covid-19 response or delivering essential public services, including the payment of benefits.

Food and other necessary goods.

Those involved in the production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery of food.

Public safety and national security.

Police, support staff, Ministry of Defence civilian staff and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue staff, and those responsible for border security, prisons and probation.

Transport

Those who will keep air, water, road and rail passengers and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response.

Utilities, communication and financial services.

Staff required to keep oil, gas, electricity, water and sewage operations running. Staff in the civil nuclear, chemical and telecommunications sectors. Those in postal services and those working to provide essential financial services.

Children who have EHCPs or social worker involvement (CIN or child protection) will also be able to attend school.

Please contact the school today by 1pm if you qualify for one of these categories by phone so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

It is busy time for us all and we are working hard to keep you well informed. Please bear with us today as we finalise plans to keep children and staff safe and well.

Yours

Mr. James Powell.