

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you and your families are managing to stay well. We all have our part to play in helping to stop the spread of Coronavirus. This means we must follow the government advice to **stay at home to protect the NHS and help save lives.**

The Government guidance is clear that parents should keep children at home wherever possible and thank you to everyone across our community who has followed that advice. The fewer children making the journey to school and the fewer children in our Community Classrooms, the lower the risk of the virus spreading.

Our Community Classroom is here to provide care for the children of key workers and children who are vulnerable only. If your child falls into these categories, you must let the school office know by 3pm each day so we can plan the number of staff we will need the following day. We cannot guarantee places unless you confirm to us that you will need one.

A reminder of the details for children who can be sent to school;

1. **Children who are vulnerable:** Full details of which children are covered are set out below.
2. **Children whose parents are key workers and who meet ALL the following conditions:**
 - The parent must be in a critical role based on government advice - full details of these critical roles are below; **and**
 - The parent must have had confirmation from their employer that their specific role is necessary for the continuation of essential public service; **and**
 - Their child cannot otherwise be cared for safely at home.

This is such a fast-changing situation, so we will ask parents on a weekly basis to re-confirm you want to send your child into school for what we are calling our 'Community Classrooms.'

While schools are closed, we should all continue to follow health guidance.

Find out how to protect yourself here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For further information on the government response, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Thank you to everyone for your understanding during these challenging times and a heartfelt thanks to our NHS and key workers who are working so hard to help us all.

Yours sincerely,



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