

19th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Key Workers During School Closures

You will know by now that the government has decided to close all schools from the end of Friday 20th March. Your Principal and other staff will inform you of arrangements to continue the education and learning of our pupils and students during the period of this closure. Our teams of staff will continue to provide work throughout this time. We shall also inform families before the end of the week on how we shall provide support to those pupils and students in receipt of free school meals.

A key challenge that the government has set is that schools must make provision to ensure key workers can attend work as normal. Therefore, we need to know whether **your** work might be defined as a key worker, and if so whether you will need your child to continue attending school. Should your child attend school during this closure, s/he will be supervised to complete the work that their peers will be completing at home. I would want you to be aware that they are unlikely have access to specialist teachers, as those colleagues will be planning and preparing work during the closure for all pupils and students. However, they will be in a safe and appropriately staffed environment, although I cannot at this point guarantee that it will be in their regular school.

If you are in a job that might be classed as a key worker, and you would need your daughter / son to continue attending school during the period of this closure, please complete the form which can be accessed [here](#). This needs to be completed by 7pm on Thursday 19th March; we shall inform you of arrangements on Monday 23rd March, with an aim to begin on Tuesday 24th March. If you have more than one child at one of our schools, please complete the form for each. Please accept my apologies if we have missed an obvious category of key worker from the list on the form; we have included an "other" selection for this purpose. If you have difficulty in accessing this form, please contact the office at your child's school directly.

We are also contacting parents / carers of pupils and students with EHCPs and other needs, such as those who are looked after or who are supported by a social worker, to discuss this closure.

This is a challenging time for everyone in our communities and society, and we know that our children and young people will be incredibly anxious. We shall do everything we can to support them and you over the coming months until we are able to return to regular education. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



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