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Dear Parents / Carers

20th March 2020

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the attached 'Key and Critical Workers List'.

Many parents working in these sectors may still 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:

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 your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed and you cannot keep your child safe at home then please complete the key worker form attached and return it by email or paper by no later than 2pm today (Friday 20th March).

The school must be closed to all children except for those who absolutely need us to provide them with childcare so they can work. It is recommended we only provide childcare to between 10 - 20% of the school population so as to prevent the virus from spreading.

We want to do everything we can but it may mean that we have to prioritise certain professions and families where both parents are key workers and sole key workers. We will also be providing childcare for vulnerable children within our school community.

We apologise for such short notice but we only receive guidance at the same time as the announcements made by the Prime Minister. The key workers list was released late last night

Many thanks for your continued support
Mr Pope