

Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the announced key worker list and advice, I am contacting you to let you know that we will now start to identify key workers. We will contact you later in the day. I would ask you to only contact school if it is urgent to do so, we have a significantly reduced staff due to the vulnerable groups requiring social distancing. The administrative team is currently **one person**.

Please note today's advice requests that every child that can do, remains at home even when one or both parents are key workers. This is due to the most up-to-date advice that we can only limit the spread of the virus and protect the most vulnerable by closing schools.

DFE advice to schools:

*And the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.*

DFE advice to parents and carers:

*Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so.*

Further advice has been put onto the school website under 'Parent Info' and 'Coronavirus'.

Thank you for your support in this most difficult of times

Regards

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