

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School Closure

The government has stated that *"if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading"*

It 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."* *"The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in the wider society."*

Schools have been asked to provide care for a limited number of children

- **children who are vulnerable**
- **children whose parents work in key sectors.**

The full list of key worker professions can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

What should you do now?

Q1. Is your child included in either of the categories above?

No - **Your child must stay at home**

Yes - Go to question 2

Q2. Is your child vulnerable?

No - Go to question 3

Yes - The school will contact you directly

Q3. Are you or your partner key workers?

No - **Your child must stay at home**

Yes - If you think that your work falls within the critical categories listed by the government (see link above) you should confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service. If this is the case and you will be sending your child to school next week, you must contact the school by 2.00pm today and you will be asked to provide information on your job role, working hours etc.

In order for us to ensure that all of our parents/carers have received, read and understood this letter, you will need to confirm via ParentPay that you have received this information. In your child's ParentPay account, there is an item entitled 'School closure information'. We will contact anyone who does not respond via ParentPay by 2.00pm today.

Once again we thank you for your understanding and co-operation and will keep you updated of any changes in the current situation.

Kind regards

Mrs A Chitty
Head Teacher