

20.03.20

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you are already aware, the Government have announced that schools will close for the majority of children on Friday 20th March 2020.

The message is VERY clear that parents should keep their children at home, wherever possible, and schools should remain open ONLY for those children who absolutely need to attend.

In other words, if it is possible for children to be at home, that is where they should be.

This is because 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 remain open for vulnerable learners - that is those with a social worker or an EHCP, and those with at least one parent counted as a 'critical worker'.

If you fall into the critical worker group, please contact your child's usual iCollege unit as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary arrangements for your child.

From Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice schools are not expected to function as education establishments but in a new role to provide care so that lives can be protected, thus diminishing the prioritising of continued education for all. **This means that there will be no provision for teaching.** (My letter of 19.03.20 detailed the iCollege arrangements for our continued education.)

If your child is in the vulnerable group, we will contact you on an individual basis to discuss iCollege arrangements for your child to initially cover the next 2 weeks. This will take into account guidance on social distancing and health, free school meals guidance, guidance for education settings and guidance / legislation on the closure of educational settings.

Please be aware that all on-site provision is subject to staff availability and that this can change on a daily-basis and possibly **during the day.**

These are changing and challenging times and myself and my SLT will be assessing the situation daily and taking all current and new advice and guidance into account.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all well.

Keep safe,

Regards,

Jacquie Davies, Headteacher