

Dear Parents,

22 March 2020

I have no doubt that you have been watching the social distancing programme unfold across the weekend and I wanted to reinforce what the Government expectations are for attendance at school over the coming weeks.

Government Expectations

“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.”

The Government has also released a document designed specifically for parents, clicking on this link should open that document, should parents wish to look at that further.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>



[Closure of educational settings:
information for parents and carers -
GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers)

Information for parents and carers about the closure of schools and other educational settings following the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19).

www.gov.uk

Finally, as I am sure that parents will understand, I am responsible for both child welfare and the welfare of adults working within school, the smaller the number of children and adults, the smaller the risk of Covid-19 spreading and whilst we are operating on a very much skeleton staff, can I ask that you do not visit the school or its site, unless you are picking up or dropping off. We will endeavour to answer all calls into reception, however it may take a little longer and if parents can email instead, we can prioritise and respond accordingly.

If any of the children of key workers circumstances have changed over the weekend, for example a child will now be staying at home then please let us know for our safeguarding protocols.

Mr J Crone, Headteacher