



19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer.

**Re: Coronavirus, COVID-19**

I am sure you will be aware of the announcements made yesterday by the Government. As all our children have an EHCP plan, the theory is; if they are not in self-isolation, or precautionary isolation due to being in the high risk group, we should be open to all. However, the reality of that is not quite the same. We have spent the morning establishing how many staff we will have available next week. Obviously this is subject to change at any point due to staff's health and personal circumstances.

We will remain open as long as it remains safe on health and safety grounds, but due to current staffing levels it may not be viable to have all children in every day. This week, despite reduced staffing it has worked, due to some children and young people not being in school. It is highly likely from Monday we will have to reduce full time provision for all children. Our decisions will be based around the current government guidelines. Whilst the government haven't yet released the definition of a key worker, in order for us to plan for next week, we would ask that any parents /carers who feel they may be classed as one of these, to contact us immediately (see below).

The request to remain open by the Secretary of State for Education is clear "this is an entirely different role for schools and school staff, it is primarily about care not education". As always we endeavour to do our best for our children and young people, the well-being of our community will remain our priority as always. Whilst transport is currently fully operational, this may not always be the case. You will be informed if this changes. However, if your child is meant to be in school and there is no transport you may have to drop and collect yourself. Reducing full time provision could potentially mean shorter days and / or a reduced number of days based on individual need. As soon as we have all the information we need tomorrow, we will be able to let you know our plans. We need you to urgently respond to the questions that follow. You can respond in one of the following ways:

- Ring the main site on 0113 277 1603
- Email us at: [broomfield@broomfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:broomfield@broomfieldschool.org.uk)

**Questions:**

1. Would you like your child to be in school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you think at the moment without a definition if you will be classed as a key worker? \_\_\_\_\_  
What job do you have? \_\_\_\_\_  
(when the list is released, we will put it on our website and text to tell you)

Yours faithfully,

*M. Wilman*

