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Dear Parent / Carer,

Can I start by thanking you all for your understanding and support during these absolutely unprecedented times.

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. Current government directive states that if an individual in your home is classified as a **key worker**, if you have no alternative child care arrangements, we can offer some childcare places, **as a final resort. If it is at all possible for your children to be at home, they should be.** If you are working from home, or you can work from home, this is the safest place for your child. Please do not put children, families and staff at risk by accessing a childcare place. Government directive states that parents need to keep their children at home, wherever possible.



You should only send your child to school on Monday if you have to, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response.

If you are able to keep your child at home, you should.

#StayHomeSaveLives



Originally we genuinely did believe we would be able to offer all our children and young people at least a day a week in school. However, it is very clear in terms of these government guidelines and the media this weekend that this is not realistic and should be avoided at all costs. In addition we also do not have the staffing to facilitate this – staffing is reducing daily. For this reason, we are only going to be able to offer childcare spaces to a very limited number of pupils – who have already been identified and confirmed, this may also have to be reviewed if we have insufficient staff that know the children – our risk assessment may mean we have to reduce places further or even close down. We will of course keep you updated if there are any changes.

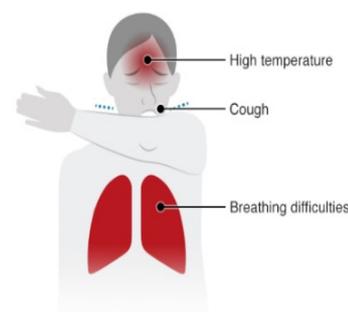
I absolutely understand this news may be devastating for some of you. We will commit - at the moment to making a weekly phone call to check in with you to see how things are and if necessary signpost some support – but unfortunately as you would suspect, all services are in a similar position to ourselves.

If your child is in school the same rules still apply related to your household and self-isolation:

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)

Coronavirus: Key symptoms



Source: NHS



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- A new, continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at 111.nhs.uk. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



Source: Public Health England advice

If you are at home and would like support with free school meals, for those who are entitled – we will be contacting you to make some arrangements.

We aim to update the website of any changes as they occur during the upcoming weeks to ensure all parents/carers have the most up to date information. Thank you as always for your kind words and messages of support.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Wilman
Executive Principal



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