



19th March 2020

Dear Parents,

As you may have heard, the Government has directed that we close to most pupils at the end of Friday this week.

We have been asked to keep some of our academies partially open to arrange provision for children of key workers, so they can continue to do their critical work during this national emergency.

We are waiting for Government to tell us exactly what this looks like and we will provide further information as soon as we know more. However, we do know that it will include:

- NHS staff (those involved in keeping hospitals going)
- School and childcare staff (those involved in keeping learning and childcare going)
- Delivery drivers and those keeping food on our table
- Those helping to keep our national infrastructure running

If you think you are a key worker and would like to request a place for your children, please telephone the school office and give them your details. We are trying to find the best way to meet needs, whilst having few staff available, so we cannot make any promises at the moment. We will keep you updated as soon as we know more and can confirm next steps.

There are also other children who may be eligible for childcare, including those with education, health and care plans. Your academy will contact you directly if this applies to your child.

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to put the necessary plans in place and are awaiting further important detail from the Government. Once we know more, we will update you. Thank you for your support and patience, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Antony Hughes