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Coronavirus – School Closures / notification of Key Workers:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are all aware the government has released new guidance. They have asked all schools to close from **Friday 20th March** until further notice. However, they have stated that children of Key NHS workers should still attend school.

To help us to plan for the coming weeks we need to know which children may be attending school on Monday morning. With this in mind would you please respond to this letter/email if you are an NHS key worker and plan to send your child(ren) to school. The exception to this is if anyone in your household is showing any symptoms of the virus such as a new persistent cough or temperature please self-isolate.

I realise that for many of you this could be a very frustrating time, particularly if you struggle for childcare, but for now this is the only way forward for schools and we all need to work together and be patient and tolerant in these challenging times.

I appreciate that things are changing rapidly and further news will be published later on today. For now, we are trying to be proactive following the current media statements.

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

Kind regards



Mr T. Jenkinson
Headteacher

Website Links for current Advice

The Chief Medical Officer provided new advice around self-isolation and Public Health England have updated their web pages so we would encourage you to review the updated information online: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

You can view the guidance around self-isolation online:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

We will continue to provide regular updates regarding this situation; however, if you are concerned please visit the NHS coronavirus webpage <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> in the first instance or phone NHS 111 and seek professional health advice.