



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the school will be closed to all children from Monday, however we are looking to provide care for those eligible pupils as quickly as we can. The government has published its list of 'key workers': <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>. The government has also issued a list of FAQs on this issue available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

What we will be offering will be a very different type of provision to that usually provided; it will be about care, not education. This will be about keeping children safe and allowing key workers (such as NHS staff) to go to work and care for the sick, or to keep food supply chains moving. All expectations regarding educational provision have been lifted. The government has made it clear in its guidance regarding key workers: **"Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be."** Please do not request provision for your child if you are able to keep them away from the building safely. These drastic measures have been taken to reduce the spread of the virus and putting them all together places everyone at increased risk of an outbreak. There is no requirement for parents and carers who are key workers to send their children in if they do not need to or do not wish to do so. *Please note that local authority guidance has been issued saying that no child with an increased medical risk should be in school, this includes ALL measures of asthma including inhaler users.*

Please note that having registered your interest in a reduced provision place, the school will contact you using the email/contact number that you have provided to clarify further information. **No child should attend unless they have received an email from the school with an offer of a place and a start date.** The highest priority will be given to families where both parents are keyworkers or where a sole parent is a key worker. We will attempt to accommodate all of our families' needs, but we are experiencing very high demand. NAHT guidance has stated that no school should be expected to accommodate more than 20% of its capacity and it would appear that we are very close to this limit.

Yours sincerely

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