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Dear Parent/Carer,

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked school to remain open only to those children who absolutely need to attend. As you will all be aware the Government have made the decision to close schools with the exception of students whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. Please check the Government website to see if your role falls into any of those categories. If your child falls within the categories of 'looked after', young carers, disabled or has an Education Health Care Plans and you do not have a suitable parent/adult to supervise them at home please contact the school.

Please therefore, follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

I do hope that this guidance is clear. If you are unable to keep your child at home and fall into one of these categories can I please ask that you do contact the school by 3.30pm today or Monday by 12.30pm at the very latest. I appreciate that this is very short notice but the government only published the details of this provision this morning.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Ms M Leenders

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