

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience whilst we are trying to navigate the minefield of conflicting information that I am receiving on as it seems minute by minute basis.

This is an entirely unprecedented situation. I am following official advice from the government and Public Health England but considering the individual position of our school. As I'm sure you will appreciate, we are currently dealing with a complex and rapidly changing situation. My priority will always be the health and safety of the pupils and staff in our school. Now more than ever, this remains my primary focus.

I am planning to open the school as usual next week. However, I need to ensure that I have enough staff to be able to operate safely to support your children.

I do have a number of staff who have indicated that they will not be available to work next week for various reasons that I am not at liberty to discuss, although none are at present showing symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

As you are aware, the Government has stated that all pupils with EHCPs should have access to school. You will understand that all our pupils have an EHCP, so if the parents of all 102 pupils wish to send their children to school, with a dramatically reduced staff, we would not be able to accommodate this. You will also be aware that pupils who have a Social Worker are also a high priority for the Government. Most of our pupils have a Social Worker in place around their care package. Therefore, if we have to prioritise which pupils we have in school we need to look at those parents who are deemed to be Key Workers.

Could you all please complete the survey so that we are able to predict the number of pupils we should be expecting next week. I will also need to know if you are currently working in an occupation that is deemed to be a 'Key Worker'. This will enable us to plan appropriately.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C-19-Pupil-Planning-wb23-03-20>

Please also be aware that as the situation progresses, I may need to change this approach. I will keep you updated via the usual channels.

I am sure you appreciate that at this time, the staff in school are particularly busy, I would urge you not to phone the school unless it is an emergency. We will then be able to concentrate on supporting the children that are in school and maintaining contact with those who are not.

Yours faithfully



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