

25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are all keeping well.

Following the governments guidance on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March we just wanted to draw out the key messages for our parents and carers.

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

For this reason the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing.

- The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.
- The government has confirmed that schools remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.
- Schools have been asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home. (As detailed in our letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

Please also remember the advice from the NHS, ensure you wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds often and ensure you cough into a tissue or sleeve and wash your hands immediately.

The government have introduced new rules on staying at home and away from others.

The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home when not carrying out essential task such as shopping or taking children to and from school in order to protect the NHS and save lives.



Thank you once again for your ongoing support, it is greatly appreciated.