

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this message finds you all safe and healthy. It certainly has been an unusual few weeks but I hope that you and your families have managed to have some Easter fun and relaxed a little. There isn't a family amongst us that hasn't struggled to adjust to different routines, pressures and challenges, we are acutely aware of the impact this pandemic is having.

Yesterday, the Government announced the continuation of Lockdown measures. Guidance to schools and families remains the same. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. This includes young people with EHC plans.

Therefore, from Monday 20th April, we will continue to operate as we have been, supporting the health and wellbeing of our pupils remotely. We will only open to provide provision for a limited number of pupils as set out below:

1. Pupils of Critical Workers (NHS staff, Police, Firefighters)
2. Those that are vulnerable from a safeguarding perspective, where there is no alternative and therefore safer at school.

Families who have a child in these categories have been contacted, however, we continue to be in contact with the Children with Disabilities Care team and health colleagues to monitor the impact of being at home on all pupils.

From Monday, class teachers will contact you daily again and will provide a package to encourage home learning with a focus on emotional health and wellbeing, engagement, interaction and interest. We are currently working on using Google Classrooms to give this more structure and will write to you next week to explain how this will work.

In the meantime, have a restful weekend and continue good health.

Best wishes,

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