

Dear Parents/Carer,

**Re: Confirmation of key worker status**

The Government has announced that all schools are to close at the end of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, **except for children of key workers and vulnerable children**. This action is taken to reduce the risk of schools becoming a source of spread of infection.

In order to ensure that key workers are free to continue their work to treat patients with Coronavirus and help prevent the spread of the virus, schools will continue to offer support for the children of key workers. Please note that schools will only be able to provide support where all of the adults in the family household are key workers and childcare support is not already in place. We must maintain minimum numbers of children in schools to help prevent the spread of the virus.

At this stage we don't know how long the closure will be for, but we are working on the assumption that it may be for some time. We will, of course, keep you updated but to help our planning, please can we ask that you complete the following form for us to indicate whether you are a key worker, as defined by the Government.

The Secretary of State for Education has also asked that schools remain open in some capacity during the Easter break for these children so that designated key workers can continue to fulfil their roles. We will give details of this provision to those families over the next few days.

We will be doing everything possible to help minimise the disruption to learning for all our pupils. For those not coming into school, we will ensure that learning can continue and will be providing details on this shortly. This work and your child's progress will be monitored regularly by staff members from the school.

These are unprecedented and challenging times but we are committed to your child's education through remote learning and through caring for those who will continue to attend school.

We appreciate this is a very difficult and worrying time for everyone, and we appreciate your support and patience as we work through all the details.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria Buckland'.

Victoria Buckland  
Headteacher