

Parent update 20.1.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well. These are very difficult times for everyone.

The government has directed that everyone who can stay at home, should stay at home. This includes children of keyworker parents. I quote the latest guidance here... the end of the sentence is the key point.

Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.

I have been directed to prioritise school places in the following order:

1. Vulnerable children with a social worker
2. Vulnerable children without a social worker
3. Children with EHC plans
4. Children of NHS staff and teachers

It has been brought to my attention that there are some families taking up places in school where there are parents or other adults working from home. Because of this, we have some parents who are NHS front line workers who are currently unable to get a place for their child in our school.

If you are working from home I would ask that you contact school regarding switching your child(ren) to remote learning.

I understand that it is extremely difficult to work at home and help children with remote learning but that is what the government has directed the whole country to do. Taking up a place in school when you are working from home is not within the ethos our school community and increases the pressures on staff and other families.

I also understand that your child may be unhappy if they are in school and now have to begin remote learning. Again, this is a good lesson on community spirit and resilience. If you work from home and you need to attend meetings, please use other family members for support or explain to your employers that your meetings need to be via zoom or other remote tool.

Thank you for reading this and I look forward to hearing from some parents following this update.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson