

20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

UPDATE

I am providing you with a further update since my letter of yesterday.

We now have further guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding school closures. **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.**

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

1. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

There is also advice for parents: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#critical-workers>.

If you have any health related queries concerning Covid-19 including, self-isolating or social distancing, please go on line for the latest updates or contact your GP for advice. As non-clinicians it is unlikely we will be able to answer your questions.

Yours sincerely



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