

Dear Parents,

Thank you for accessing our home learning so quickly, it was great to see pictures and emails showing what you have already been doing.

Because of the vast amount of children across the country trying to access online learning, there have been a few glitches so please persevere- hopefully things will get better.

I thought it was worth a reminder before we open again tomorrow to give care and support to children whose parents are doing essential work for the community/country, that the National Curriculum has been completely abandoned and there is no obligation to send your child to school. If at all possible, please do keep your child at home as this will prevent the further spread of the virus. The recent news has been extremely concerning. As time moves on, we may have to prioritise key workers' children if we lose too many members of staff to operate safely.

Rest assured, we will do our absolute best for children who have to attend, but it is in everyone's best interests to keep our numbers as low as possible.

Below is a reminder of the government's stance on staying at home as much as possible:



You should only send your child to school if you have to, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home, you should.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

It is important to underline that schools, all childcare settings (including early years' settings, childminders and providers of childcare for school-age children), colleges and other educational establishments, 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, and all childcare providers, are therefore being 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.

Many parents working in these sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Therefore, if you are working from home, or can ensure your child can be safely cared for at home, please do not send your child to our schools; they are putting other children and their families at risk.

Thank you!