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Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Coronavirus update – information about key workers

Late last night the government updated its guidance for schools, particularly around the priorities for continued provision. The priority is that as many students as possible stay at home in order to limit the spread of the virus. This is also the case for those of us that fall under the definition of key workers – our children should only come into school when they cannot stay safely at home. I hope that you will understand that we are trying to balance the need to support key workers in being able to continue with their vital jobs, whilst at the same time enabling as many of our school staff to work from home, in line with current government advice.

We are making plans to look after those students who need to be in school, whether as children of key workers or those that are vulnerable. This will be facilitating them in doing the work set by their subject teachers, just the same as for all our students who will be at home. Therefore, the timetable will be different to normal and it is likely that we will have groups of mixed aged students. A limited catering service will continue for as long as we can maintain it.

The government defined list of key workers is as follows:

- Frontline health workers such as **doctors** and **nurses**
- Some **teachers** and **social workers**
- Workers in key public services including those essential to the **justice system, religious staff, and public service journalists**
- **Local and national government workers** deemed crucial to delivering essential public services
- Workers involved in **food production** processing, distribution, sale and delivery
- Public safety workers including **police, armed forces personnel, firefighters, and prison staff**
- Essential air, water, road and rail **transport workers**
- Utilities, communication and financial services staff, including **postal workers, and waste disposal workers**

Thank you again for your continued support, and please contact us if you are a key worker who needs your child to come into school next week.

Yours faithfully

Jon Norden
Principal

