



20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you are aware, yesterday the Government announced that all schools will be closed from Monday 23rd March until further notice. This means that for the majority of our children, Friday will be their last day in school for what could be a considerable period of time.

I hope you can understand and support the actions we are taking as a school, to play our part in helping our community tackle Coronavirus and the significant impact it is having upon us all.

The Government has confirmed that for the foreseeable future, all schools have been asked to provide care for children with Education Health Care Plans, Children who have a contact Social Worker, e.g., 'Children in Need' or those on the Child Protection Register and any Children in Care (LAC). All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.

Please note that this is a national closure, as you may have heard in the news, so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone.

In order to enable key workers to remain at work during this period of need, their children may be catered for in schools. Key Workers include:

- NHS staff
- Teachers and support school
- Police and community support officers
- Frontline civilian police staff
- Prison officers and staff
- Probation officers and trainee probation officers
- LA officers and LA/ NHS social workers
- Uniformed staff in fire and rescue services
- Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (ie clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defence) and some discharged personnel
- Highway agency traffic staff
- LA environmental health officers/practitioners
- Care workers
- Food/supermarket drivers and other workers

Please complete the attached proforma and forward it to the school office should you fall into the Key Worker category.

If children do not fall into one of the categories above, they will not be in school. We know this will be a difficult period for everyone, and we want to offer our support. Our teachers have been putting together education packs, resources and activities for pupils to complete, and we will also provide a wide range of sources for information and learning that can be accessed electronically. If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has just announced.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it is far from ideal, but we will continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

Please remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online.

I wish to thank all our school staff, who have helped in recent days to keep the school open, and who will continue to do so over the coming months. I would also like to thank you for your continued support and understanding during this period.

Kindest Regards



Daniel Baxby
Principal

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Key Worker Category Proforma

Please complete and forward to the school office (email: office@wvc.tmet.org.uk) or bring to the College reception.

Parent Name:	
Pupil Name/s:	
I am a Key Worker in the following service (please tick as appropriate):	
	Tick ✓
NHS staff	
Teachers and support school	
Police and community support officers	
Frontline civilian police staff	
Prison officers and staff	
Probation officers and trainee probation officers	
LA officers and LA/ NHS social workers	
Uniformed staff in fire and rescue services	
Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (i.e. clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defense) and some discharged personnel	
Highway agency traffic staff	
LA environmental health officers/practitioners	
Care workers	
Food/supermarket drivers and other workers	
Which days do you work?	
Do you have a young or vulnerable children/young people at home you are a carer for? Y/N	
If yes, are you able to make alternative arrangements, which do not involve asking Grandparents or other vulnerable people to support? Y/N	