



## Woodborough Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

The government announced on Monday night (23<sup>rd</sup> March) that increased isolation measures have been introduced.

The latest guidance is available here:

**It's really important parents and carers keep children at home from Monday, where possible. Schools are only open to those who absolutely need to attend. This will minimise the risk of the virus spreading and infecting vulnerable people.**

- The guidance is if children can stay safely at home, they should (including those of legal age to stay at home, 14 years), to limit the chance of the virus spreading.
- The government are asking all parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible. Settings are only being asked to remain open for those children who absolutely need to attend.
- Therefore, if one parent is a keyworker and the other isn't, the expectation is that the children should remain at home.
- If both parents are keyworkers, but can keep children at home around shift patterns then again the child should remain at home.
- The provision is only available for those children who absolutely can't remain at home, the more children remaining at home, the less chance of the virus spreading which is why these measures have been introduced.
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/full-guidance-on-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others>

As such it is now necessary for us to revisit our plans. EQUA Multi Academy Trust meetings are being scheduled to discuss the sustainability of each school remaining open. In order for us to be able to plan staffing, etc. effectively, please could you email **by return** with **details of what support you will require over the next 3 weeks regarding childcare in school**. Please be aware that in managing numbers and staffing, we may be required to begin to form school hubs

We appreciate that arrangements change on a daily basis so it isn't always possible to plan, but if your work situation or pattern has changed, please let us know. We are asked by the DfE to remind parents that children should remain at home unless there is no alternative and that **the key worker role is CRITICAL to the COVID-19 response:** (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>).

If you believe you fall within the critical categories above, please confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

Finally, correspondence from the Local Authority yesterday (24<sup>th</sup> March) has also given the following advice regarding parents in education:

***'Children of school staff***

*Our public health team has advised that, where possible, **children of school staff should accompany their parent to their place of work** – this means that children of your staff are advised to attend your school. This will help to minimise the risk of infection with which any one family comes into contact. This is, of course, a decision for individual head teachers/managers to take.'*

With this in mind, if you work in an educational setting, please would you contact your employer to discuss them accommodating your child(ren), **where possible**.

Please keep well and safe, and continue to stay connected with us.

Kindest regards,

Sarah Brewis

Headteacher