



Braeburn

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good morning to you all. Thank you for your support and patience in these most challenging of times. We have now received the government's updated school closure information. **It confirms that for the vast majority of children, the school will close tonight.**

In terms of decisions around who could be attending from Monday, we will be following the government's guidance very closely and will seek your support in helping us. The guidance is clear

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

"...the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why 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."

The information then lists the groups of 'key workers' whilst also making it clear that:

"Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be."

Clearly, we need your support here. If numbers in school are too big, we will not be able to function with the reduced levels of staffing we have. We will be contacting, via telephone, all parents who will be offered a place at school next week. Clearly, it is our duty to provide a service where this is most necessary and to prioritise where necessary. This is best done by speaking to you about your individual circumstances. **We will ring:**

- 1. All parents who returned the 'key worker' information to school yesterday**
- 2. The parents of children who fall into the 'vulnerable' categories.**

*Parents who didn't return the 'key worker' information but feel they may fall into this bracket should ring school to make a telephone appointment after 10:30am.

* If workers think they fall within the critical 'key worker' categories they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service. It would be helpful to us if you could do this ASAP to help our telephone conversations with you. If we have to prioritise, written confirmation of this may well be needed.

To be absolutely clear, a telephone discussion will happen with the parent or carer of any child who is to attend school next week. If you do not have a telephone confirmation before 6pm today, you should assume school is closed for your child until further notice.

Thank you for your support and please take care. More information regarding school closure and information for those attending school from Monday will follow later today. Please only contact the office today if absolutely necessary, it is going to be an extremely busy day and your support is appreciated.

Best wishes

Mr Jolly
Headteacher

