



Dear all.

We have now after 36 hours received a list from the government of Key Workers, that in effect covers the vast majority of our students.

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

On this basis, at the moment we are trusting parents/carers to decide if they are Key Workers. However, the guidance also makes very clear, that **children should only be sent to school as a last resort** and there is no other safe way for them to be looked after at home. For the school to function at all, we need parents and carers to follow this, because we have fewer and fewer staff each day able to come in as they quite rightly need to self-isolate themselves. For example, I would be surprised to see KS4 or KS5 children on Monday. We also are under the impression that dedicated school buses will not run but have not had this confirmed.

If you have no alternative, please complete the linked questionnaire by the end of today, so that at the very least I can plan next week over the weekend with the staff I am able to get to come in.

<https://forms.gle/CN2RAx3aBALbr1en7>

We will separately speak to all parents/carers of students considered to be vulnerable today, in order to work through the best way to keep your child safe over the coming weeks.

The government have also made announcements regarding children eligible for Free School Meals in a way that is very difficult for a school in the current circumstances to deliver. We will follow up with more information this when we can so please do not call to ask about this at the moment.

Many thanks for your support.

Shaun Simmons  
Principal