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20 March 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued support. Our thoughts are with our school community at this time.

We now have the key workers guidance and are in the process of planning to stay open for a number of children to support them and their parents in the work they are doing for our community.

At this point I wanted to thank every key worker in our community who are supporting us all, by the work they are doing.

We have already had contact from doctors and nurses who have sent information into us if they need their children in school.

We now need to get a clear idea of how many more children we will need to put in place provision for. The government guidance is clear that children should be kept at home where possible and this provision is in place for those children who '**absolutely need to attend.**' As I am sure you are aware this is in place to limit the spread of the virus, keep people safe and reduce pressure on our NHS.

**Advice from the government is as follows:**

**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.**

If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.

Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.

Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

If you are a key worker and **absolutely need** your child to be in school **please complete the enclosed form by 1pm today Friday 20 March 2020 and return the form to the following email address** [office@st-marys-cannock.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys-cannock.staffs.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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