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## **Sunday Update at 1.00pm**

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Coronavirus COVID-19 Update**

As you will be aware, the school is closed to most children from Monday 23 March 2020.

The Government has asked schools to participate in the national response by staying open but this is not a requirement. It remains the case that if a school does not have enough staff to open, then subject to a risk assessment, the school may need to close. It is therefore important that staff remain well and able to support our key workers in the COVID-19 response.

The Senior Leadership Team have triaged every child in the school and decided which children are able to come to school tomorrow based on the number of staff we have and Government guidance.

**Please do not send your child to school if they have not been offered a place next week.**

Please only send your child to school if we have confirmed a place in writing **and** nobody else can have them.

Advice from Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary over the weekend is that you should only send your child to school on Monday *if you have to* because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response.

Schools need to be as empty as possible for social distancing to work. The safest place for a child is at home. We realise this is difficult for those who are self-employed but it is important that the children and staff in school continue to stay well, so that we can remain open for our key workers for as long as possible.

School staff have provided children with home learning packs and will upload daily activities to Google Classroom. Children who are attending school will be completing these activities. If your child is at home, they can complete these activities at their own leisure. We will not expect them to be online at certain times of the day, unless they want to and you are able to facilitate this.

We hope this will support you in looking after each other at home. We have received lots of positive feedback and are very grateful for your continued support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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