

## **Dear Parents**

You are receiving this email as you registered with us as a key worker or you are a vulnerable family.

We have been in contact by phone with all our vulnerable families either directly or through the team supporting you.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for supporting us this week by keeping your children home. This has been greatly appreciated as everyone adjusts to different ways of working and supporting family members. As you can imagine, we have a number of staff self-isolating or unable to work due to looking after their own children. Over the weeks we will be working on a rota system so we can protect and cover the staff we have to ensure the school can remain open.

Please see the letters attached regarding the next two weeks of Easter break. We are trying to get an idea of the level of need for emergency childcare for next week. If it remains low for next week we will consider closing the school for the week to enable our own staff to be with their families and follow the important government guidelines. We will then check again on Friday 3rd April for the following week as some of you in critical key worker roles may well be required to work additional shifts and we would like to be able to support you. If you would like to indicate your level of need for the week beginning 6th April, please do.

### **Please complete this form only if you require emergency childcare provision next week.**

We stress again that many parents working in key sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home in line with government advice. Home is the safest place for your child to be. If only one of two parents living at home is a key worker, our expectation is that you will keep your child safely at home. We would like to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and children who are vulnerable who cannot be safely cared for at home. Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care.

### **If this form can be returned by tomorrow morning, then Hayley will be able to confirm provision for next week.**

Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus in school. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults. Please take note of the key message that is, if children can stay safely at home, they should and as mentioned in my previous letter, these are extraordinary times and it is very clear that our community will need to pull together and find new ways to support each other. Safeguarding the welfare and education of our learners and school community is our priority.

Any queries, please do get in touch.

With best wishes

*Susannah Storey*