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Dear Parents and Carers,

The government asked schools to stay open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. To reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus) the government has also asked parents and carers to keep their children at home, wherever possible. **Only for those children who absolutely need to attend school should. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Please follow these key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. 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. **Any parent who is eligible for this support and wants it has been in contact with us and details of the provision will be sent to you individually.**

**Link to definition of a Key Worker** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

3. 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.
4. 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.

Thank you for completing the survey for Key Workers by 9am this morning, which has helped us in our planning for the next few weeks. If you have not completed this form we have not planned any provision for your child. If you have missed completing this, do contact the school office with the title Key Worker. We truly appreciate the time you took to complete it. We admire all you do and are committed to supporting you in the key role you have during this incident.



We know that things change for families so I plan to write to you regularly to share updates. Please contact us if you think we can be of any help. If there are things you would like us to do that we are not, do get in touch. We know that there will be (are) things we can improve on so please don't hesitate to let us know.

It was St Patrick's Day on Tuesday so I hope you don't mind if I end this letter with an Irish Blessing for each and every one of you. Look out for each other and stay strong. Enjoy the time together. A kind parent send this link through – I thought it may be helpful for you.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

With kindest regards,

Séana Henry



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