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Dear Parent

Further to my letter yesterday, we now have details of which occupations come under the definition of "key worker". I write to provide further advice, based on the latest Government guidelines.

First and foremost, it is very clear from the Government guidelines that the advice is for children to remain at home if at all possible. The advice states that this is the safest option for children and you have the option not to send your child to school if you are able to make other arrangements.

For those children whose parents have no option other than to send them to school, we will need to be very careful to implement social distancing measures and our provision will therefore necessarily be limited. If you are in this position, please be assured that our priority is to keep your children as safe as possible. Due to the limitations of social distancing and staffing, we may have to prioritise children in the order in which the Government guidelines are written – with the children of NHS and other emergency workers our top priority. In addition, we can only continue provision whilst we have sufficient staff to do this safely.

In order to help us to keep students and staff safe, please note the following:

- If you need to send your child into school, please register your intent by completing the form for key workers on the website as previously advised. This should be returned to [keyworkers@flhs.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:keyworkers@flhs.wigan.sch.uk). It would be helpful if you could do this by the end of today (Friday), and by Monday morning at 10.00am at the latest.
- Please do NOT send your child into school if they or any of your household have any of the COVID-19 symptoms.
- Please do not send your child into school if you are able to make other arrangements, in order to keep the limited places free for those most in need.
- As there will be no catering available in school (except for the provision of packed lunches for those entitled to free school meals), students will need to bring with them any refreshments they require.

As previously advised, the sessions in school are designed to provide supervision and the children will be completing exactly the same on-line work as those who remain at home. Social distancing measures will be applied at breaks and lunchtimes as well as during lessons.

You may feel that you wish to keep your child home at present, but changing circumstances may mean that you need to send them in at a later date. If so, it would be helpful if you could register in the same way, with at least 24 hours' notice if this is possible. This will enable us to plan carefully for accurate numbers.

Thank you for your cooperation with these measures, designed with health and safety in mind. As stated yesterday, we are living through unprecedented times and I wish you and your families all the very best of health as we get through this together.

Yours sincerely

  
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Headteacher