

20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Further to my letter yesterday I am now in a position to update you further.

The government have now published guidance around key workers and the expectations on schools in supporting these front line services. The key message is still to socially distance wherever possible which fundamentally means if you can keep your children at home then please do. This will not only help us to manage with much reduced staffing but will help with the national approach to reducing the spread of the virus. Government guidance as to who qualifies as a key worker will be posted on our website this morning. Please check this before completing our key workers registration form mentioned below.

Please consider the following before requesting a school place for your child:

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.
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.

If you still consider that a school place is the only option to be able to continue providing your essential work then you should complete the [form for key workers to request a school place](#) on our website by 2pm today.

We envisage that all schools will be partially open on Monday to provide care for the key groups identified by the government. All other children must remain at home.

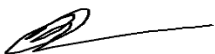
We are also currently exploring alternative solutions with community partners that will hopefully result in a sustainable community response in the longer term.

The Trust has collated a number of learning resources that can be found on our website [Learning Resources](#). This will be updated on an ongoing basis. A helpline will be available for support with learning resources. This will be staffed by Waterton Academy Trust teaching staff. Further details to follow.

We are currently liaising with Local Authorities and our catering provider and will provide an update as soon as arrangements have been finalised.

Once again, thank you for all of your support and understanding at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely



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