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Dear Parents / Carers

Coronavirus – important update

The Government advice about sending your child into school if you are a key worker or if your child is vulnerable can be interpreted in different ways and over the weekend things have changed again.

The Secretary of State for Education has clarified his initial comments and now says that "if a child can stay safely at home, then they should be at home". Sending your child in otherwise, places them and our staff at risk.

We are asking that all children remain at home unless we have contacted you. This will be because we are concerned about their vulnerability, or both carers are key workers and there are no other viable alternatives. This advice differs from the position the school was in on Friday and replaces this original advice and plan.

From Wednesday, we will only be open to those pupils that we have contacted. If you have not been contacted and need to send them in tomorrow, while you adjust to these new arrangements, we will accept them, but please only do this if absolutely necessary.

For the pupils we have contacted, we are currently able to provide lunch for those who would normally have it and during this time these pupils can either come in school uniform or home clothes.

Thank you for all your cooperation in supporting us at this very difficult time. Teachers will be keeping in contact via e-schools. They have also put activities on e-schools and there will be a list of website links on our school website. I will continue to be in contact as things develop and to keep you informed as to when the school will be reopening.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen Elphick".

Helen Elphick
Headteacher