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'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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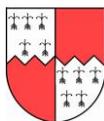
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Dear Parents/Carers

Today, the government has issued the extra guidance that I have been waiting for.

The guidelines can be found below and contain important information about 'key workers'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Please let me know if you fall into one of these key worker categories.

There are also guidelines for parents regarding the closure of schools and educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

The key message is that:

'if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading'

The guidance goes on to say:

'the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society'

And

'there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children into school if they do not need or wish to'

For children and families who have a social worker, it is essential that you are in contact with them to ensure the best plan is in place for you and your family.

Thank you to those parents who have already phoned or emailed in to say that they will be keeping their child at home for the next few weeks, your understanding and the clear direction you are giving us is appreciated. If you haven't already provided us with that information, please can I ask that you do so as



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soon as possible, it will help with our planning. If you have difficulty reaching us by phone, emails can be sent to office.7027@fitzwaryn.oxon.sch.uk

If your child is currently away from school, please let us know if/when they will be returning.

Some of the pupils at school have become very anxious about the virus and what it may mean for them and their families. There are some resources available and we will signpost you to them.

We know that some of you have an annual review of your child's EHCP coming up in the next few weeks. We are working on a way to carry these out to suit everyone's needs; they may need to be carried out in an alternative way or indeed postponed until further notice. We will update you next week.

I know that these are difficult and somewhat confusing times; we are all doing our very best to make sense of it all for our children and families (including the families of my staff).

I have received so many messages of support from you, thank you, they mean a lot to us. The pupils (your children!) have also been amazing and their happy smiling faces have been so uplifting this week.

Keeping in touch with everyone over the next few weeks is going to be essential for us to keep the Fitzwaryn community strong! I will endeavour to ensure that this is a high priority for us, and I hope that I will be communicating some different, happier news in due course!

In the meantime, I do hope that you have a good weekend and I will be in touch again next week.

Best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher