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Dear Parents/ guardians,

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Important message from Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education

“It is clear that education and children’s social care settings are increasingly finding it difficult to continue as normal, as illness and self-isolation impacts on staffing levels and pupil attendance. To provide parents, students and staff with the certainty they need we are announcing that schools, colleges and early years settings will be closed to everyone except children of key workers and vulnerable children from Monday, as part of the country’s ongoing response to coronavirus.

Examples of these workers include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health and Care Plans.

A full list of key worker categories will be published by the Cabinet Office on Thursday.

Children who do not fall into these groups should remain at home with appropriate care.

Where schools are unable to provide this reduced provision, local authorities will work with the Department for Education’s regional teams to ensure an alternative option is available.”

As soon as we get more information we will share it with you. In the meantime, make sure that you follow the latest health advice and please do not contact the office with questions as this is all the information that we have. Thank you for your support at this very difficult time. Our children’s health and well-being remains our overwhelming priority.

Best wishes

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