



As you will be aware, the government has just produced guidance for schools on maintaining provision. It goes without saying that 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.

This may require us to prioritise which pupils receive an offer, according to greatest need.

This is not about 'entitlement' it is about doing the right thing for the greater good of society; accommodating the greatest need and limiting social interaction and the spread of the virus - allowing school to stay open for those who need it the most.

If you have asked for provision and on reflection now feel that you can use alternative care (not the elderly or vulnerable) please contact the school immediately. If you have not asked for provision but feel that you need essential childcare please let us know ASAP (by 1.00pm today) so that we can plan provision.

We will update all parents again later today if the school can manage and sustain provision for those who **absolutely need it**.

What will provision look like in school?

This is a very different type of provision than schools usually provide; for these pupils, **it will be about care, not education**. This is about keeping children safe and allowing key workers to go to work and care for the sick, or to keep food supply chains moving.

Can the school still decide they need to close?

It remains the case that if we do not have enough staff to care for pupils safely then, subject to a risk assessment and consultation with the chair of governors, a full or partial closure may be necessary. We will review the situation daily.

Again, fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread to staff and therefore allow the school to remain open.

Please keep your children at home if possible. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

The key message is that schools are closed, but we are doing what we can to support our families, given these unprecedented circumstances.

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; including your children and our staff - allowing the school to stay open to those who need it the most.

Thank you to all who are working hard to support our community and the most vulnerable in our society; especially those in the NHS.