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Just to clarify...

The Government published their advice for us in the early hours of this morning.

It is much the same as yesterday with a few changes:

“The most recent scientific advice on how to limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay at home safely, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading”

That is why the Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children **who absolutely need to attend.**

Mr Williamson (Education Secretary) said that the Government aim to provide 'an education setting' for 10% of the children who usually attend schools. This is a very small number of families within schools.

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 (such as NHS staff) to go to work and care for the sick, or to keep food supply chains moving.

Therefore, we are asking that both parents are key workers to accommodate those who essentially need childcare and for the health and safety of staff working in school and to contain the virus. If we were asking for only one key worker parent it would take us above the percentage recommendations set out by the Education Secretary.

Please very carefully consider if your child needs to be in our care-if parents are in key worker groups we are here to help.

It is not an ideal situation and may I remind parents that this is **not a statutory requirement** – schools are being asked to help as part of a national response. We are extremely lucky that staff are willing to support this requirement and I would like to thank them for being so supportive in this extremely difficult time; they are truly fantastic ✨

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Mrs Addison
Headteacher