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Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid-19 Update - School Closure

As you know we are all facing extraordinary challenges at this time and the situation is placing pressure on all parts of society. Our staff have been doing all they can to keep our school open since this crisis began and along with the The Heath Family (NW) Trust and our Local Governing Body, I would like to pay tribute to their remarkable commitment. They have been extraordinary and we will continue to play our part over the coming weeks.

First and foremost, I'd like to reiterate the government's advice that we request all parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible regardless of whether or not parents/carers are classed as key workers. If your circumstances allow for your child to be looked after at home, whilst keeping within the government advice, then please make the arrangements for this to happen.

From Monday, the school will continue to be open for the following groups of students;

- Children whose parents are classed as key workers – please use the link below to access the list of key worker roles.

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

- Those classed as what the Secretary of State described as vulnerable children. For vulnerable children, school will be making contact with you to confirm arrangements.
- Please note, that the Government suggest that children with underlying medical conditions should self-isolate and practice social distancing.

The government has stated 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. We are being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children.

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Please follow these key principles;

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely on childcare from those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

Updated Key Worker Survey Link <https://bit.ly/2wpQgR9>

Please can I ask that you complete this shortened survey form in order to help school to make arrangements for Monday. It is interactive and will provide a result at the end which describes next steps, be that attending school on Monday or making alternative arrangements.

It is important that all parents, even those that either completed yesterday's survey or who may not be considered key workers, complete this form. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

Free Schools Meals and Food Provision

If your child is in school a meal will be provided at lunchtime. If your child is not attending and is eligible for free school meals they will be provided with a packed lunch which can be collected from various locations, please look at our website or twitter feed for updates of how and where you will be able to collect them from.

Please note this provision may change as time passes and I will keep you updated.

Access to resources and enrichment/learning for those on and off site during the closure period

All children have details of how to access a wide variety of home learning that is appropriate to them. Those in school will be doing the work that has been set in the same way. Staff will contact you each week to check that your child has all they need and if you have any difficulty accessing home learning please let them know or email the school; info@prescotschool.org.uk.

Please keep checking our website for details and additional resources and for any new information, Finally, I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Kennedy (Head of School)

