



20th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

As you are aware, school will be closed to all students, except children of key workers and our most vulnerable students. This arrangement will take effect on Friday 20th March at 3.00pm and will continue until further notice.

Children of Key workers

The government's definition of 'key workers' has now been published. The full details of this can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>. The sectors defined as critical to the COVID-19 response are:

Health and Social Care	Key public services
Education and Childcare	Local and national government
Food and other necessary goods	Public safety and national security
Transport	Utilities, communication and financial services

It has been confirmed that if one parent in the household is classed as a key worker, your child may be eligible to attend school next week. However, it is important to emphasise that the government has asked all parents to keep their children at home wherever possible: *"If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The fewer children making the journey to school, the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society."*

Our school will have very limited capacity from Monday 23rd March. This means we may have to prioritise this list of key workers if demand exceeds our capacity. Therefore please only send your child to school if you qualify as a key worker **AND** your child cannot be safely cared for at home.

IMPORTANT - If you believe that your child (or children) is eligible to come into school because you meet these criteria, then please complete the form which accompanies this letter and email it to info@princehenrys.co.uk by **1.00pm on Friday 20th March 2020**. If you have already completed and returned the form I published yesterday, there is no need to respond again.

Please note that children of key workers in school will be supervised and supported to complete the remote learning activities set by their teachers. They will not be 'taught' in the usual way.

Before completing the form, please remember that the government has said:

"Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be."

Further information regarding the arrangements for students who will be in school from Monday onwards will be sent to relevant parents later today. I will also send information about arrangements for accessing Free School Meals to those that are entitled.

Please continue to regularly check the dedicated 'School Closure' section on the home page of our website for the latest information and updates.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we try to respond to the many repercussions of the COVID-19 emergency.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Sheriff', written in a cursive style.

Ms Janet Sheriff
Executive Headteacher