



# Woodsetton School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing.

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, 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.

It is important to underline that schools, all childcare settings (including early years settings, childminders and providers of childcare for school-age children), colleges and other educational establishments, remain safe places for children. But 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.

Schools, and all childcare providers, are therefore being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children especially those parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response. They include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors identified earlier today. These include health and social care, education and childcare, key public services, local and national government, food and other necessary goods, public safety and national security, transport, utilities, communication and financial services.

Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

If you believe that you are identified as a key worker and you need to send your child into school please contact us no later than 10.00a.m. on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March either by phone (01384 818265) or via email ([info@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@woodsetton.dudley.sch.uk)) so that we can do our utmost to accommodate this.

At present, we are working tirelessly to adapt to the ever changing situation in terms of how this is going to work effectively both short term and long term whilst continuing to prepare work for your children.

In order for us to make the necessary arrangements needed to ensure the safety and welfare of pupils whilst we are operating within the interim arrangements imposed by the Government, this will unfortunately mean that the school will need to remain closed to pupils on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March so as to help prepare us in going forward.

We apologise for the delay in getting this information out to you but I hope you understand that the situation is constantly changing.

Many thanks for your ongoing support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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