



## THE HELENA ROMANES SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Update on key workers

I am writing with an update following the release of government guidance regarding key workers. We have been waiting for this information since Wednesday and it was made available to us this morning.

- I have attached the key worker definitions to this email.
- At the end of the letter there is a link to a *Google Survey* for any parents who need key worker provision.

The Government advice now suggests that dual parent families that contain only one key worker can send their children to school. As such, we have altered our criteria from yesterday. However, the guidance also states that 'if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.'

I would ask those parents/carers who are key workers to consider whether it is absolutely necessary for their children to attend school. The government's key worker list is broad and if all parents across the country universally make use of the offer, we will ultimately end up in a situation where we are contradicting the appeal for 'social distancing' because schools will still be housing significant numbers of students.

We will, of course, provide support when required.

I have pasted the latest government advice to schools below and I have also included a link to the full guidance.

- *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.*
- *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.*
- *Many parents working in these sectors (i.e. key workers) 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 it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.***

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

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I would be grateful for a prompt response from those parents/carers who need to use our provision next week.

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Gee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Daniel Gee  
Headteacher

[Link to key worker survey](#)

There is the option to provide evidence of employment (e.g. ID badge) in the survey. If this is not possible at short notice, we will contact you within 7 days.