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Dear Parents / Carers.

As you will know from Friday 20 March school will be closed for almost all children until further notice.

As advised by the government we will do all we can to stay open for the children of 'key workers' (see list of key workers attached or link below),

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

The government has been clear this is an entirely different role for school and is primarily about care and not education.

The government has said if you and your partner are both 'key workers' then your child/ren will be able to attend a school. If either of you are not, then the other parent would be expected to have the child/ren at home. If you are a single parent and a 'key worker' then your child will be offered a place at school. Also, if your child has an Educational Health Care Plan or has current involvement with a social worker they will be offered a place.

The Prime Minister has also urged parents not to leave children in the care of grandparents or older relatives who are at greater risk of becoming seriously ill with coronavirus.

If your children fall into the above categories and you wish them to continue to attend school please complete the form attached and return it to school by the end of the today if possible. Forms can be emailed to the school office: info@whitburnvillage.s-tyneside.sch.uk or by hand.

All other children must stay at home.

I am sure you will understand that we can only keep the school open if it is safe to do so and we have the right number of staff to care for the children.

We will keep you updated through the website and also Parenthub.

Thank you for your understanding, stay safe and hopefully Team Whitburn will be back as a whole community again in the very near future.

Our very best wishes from,

All the staff from Whitburn Village Primary School.

'KEY WORKERS'

- National Health Service, including doctors, nurses, midwives and paramedics, care workers, producers of medicines and medical equipment
- Armed forces
- Teachers and childcare staff and social workers
- Police officers, community support, civilian staff
- Prison officer or other probation staff
- Fire and rescue employees, national Crime Agency
- Food production, processing, distributions and sale and delivery.
- Essential financial services, banks, building societies
- Infrastructure workers, oil, gas, water and electricity
- Postal services and deliver, payment providers and waste disposal sectors.

If you think you fall into one of the critical categories above please confirm with your employer that your role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.