



20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Further Information on Key Workers**

The guidance received from the government last night, regarding school closures, states that: '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.'

Schools are being asked to:

'Continue to **provide care** for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and **cannot be safely cared for at home.**'

Guisoley School will remain open for these students. However, due to our limited and uncertain staffing levels, need for staff to access IT remotely and the age range and needs of the students attending:

- We are unable to offer a curriculum based around normal academic lessons
- We will have very limited IT capacity for students to work on the tasks we have set via our VLE

This means that any vulnerable students or children of key workers accessing the care that we are providing, may not be able to access the work set by staff, on the VLE, as easily as they might do at home and will not cover exam work, coursework or the national curriculum. Please consider carefully whether or not your child would be able to stay safely at home, to access the work that has been set by staff.

Therefore, if you are a key worker (as defined by the government in the attached document) and having considered this guidance, intend to send your child into school at any point from Monday 23 March, can you email [info@guiseleyschool.org.uk](mailto:info@guiseleyschool.org.uk) with the title 'key workers' and include:

- The name of any of your children currently attending Guiseley School and their Year Group
- The name of any parents considered key workers
- The profession and employer of any parent considered a key worker
- Any evidence of your employment

In order to make safeguarding arrangements for Monday, can you please respond as soon as possible, preferably before 3pm today.

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**If you replied to yesterday's letter about key workers and provided us with evidence of your employment, you do not need to respond again.**

Once we have a list of children who need to access school from Monday, we will send out further information on how we will be operating school based structured childcare.

Regards

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Paul Clayton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Clayton  
Headteacher