

Friday 20th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: School Closure – update**

As you know, following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, all schools are closing from the end of the school day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Last night guidance was issued by government and it 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.*** We have made the full guidance available on our website.

They have set out 5 key principles:

1. **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

I appreciate that for many parents, the closure of your school will make life even more difficult for you during what I know are extraordinarily challenging times. We are acutely aware of this and that many of you will want to continue to work if you can.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

- Health and social care
- Education or childcare
- Key public services
- Local or National Government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

If workers think they fall within the critical categories above **they should confirm with their employer that**, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for

the continuation of this essential public service. We are not currently asking for proof of your employment but that may be required in days to come. We will require 24 hours' notice to ensure we have adequate staffing levels to keep all children safe whilst in our care.

We have currently made contact with all families that contacted us to check that they have made provision for their children. We now have a small register of children attending school on Monday. If you believe that you should have been contacted please email us at [help@logicstudioschool.org](mailto:help@logicstudioschool.org).

The Government has been clear that we will not be expected to provide more than care and supervision if, because of staff absence, we are not able to. I hope you can understand that. We will, of course, continue to do our very best for you and your children.

We would like students who are attending school from Monday onwards to do the following:

- Arrive at school for 10.00 – please do not arrive early.
- Be picked up at 2pm.
- Maintain the school's behaviour policy.
- Wear normal school uniform.
- Complete the work or activities that are set

For all other students the school is closed and we will be providing you with additional support with distance learning going forward. Children should not be gathering in busy public places or high streets. They may be at less risk of serious symptoms but they can still spread the virus.

I realise this is a very challenging time for everyone and appreciate your continued support – we are only able to continue to operate because of your ongoing co-operation and help, and I am very proud of the way everyone is rallying around. I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the staff across both our schools who have shown, and continue to show, remarkable fortitude and commitment.



Mr Jay Lockwood  
Principal