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Dear Parents / Carers

**Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils- further update**

As you will be aware schools have been instructed to close to most children today until further notice.

The government are asking us to continue to provide care for a **limited number of children**. This is for children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and **cannot be safely cared for at home** and children with social workers and Education, Health and Care Plans.

The government announcement asks that these key principles are followed

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- *The full list of these categories that are critical to the Covid-19 response is available on the Department for Education Website*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR1iwS3GuIYUJA0yZ3C1Wi7-FKWHCdv89MXcXAuutGLnxdKB6ioHaCqF1nA>

**If you feel we need to continue to provide care for your child/children, then please email the school office on [info@littlemoor.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@littlemoor.oldham.sch.uk) by 5pm on Friday 20 March 2020.**

Attached to this letter is a list of information you will need to supply when you email the school office. We will then compile a list of all parents who fall into the critical category.

**Those parents will be notified on Monday, and will be able to bring their children on Tuesday 24 March 2020. School will be closed on Monday 23 March whilst we identify who is on the critical list and risk assess the staffing situation, so please do not send your child to school on Monday 23 March 2020.**

**All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by email text, information on the school website.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. Learning resources will be available from Monday on the school website.

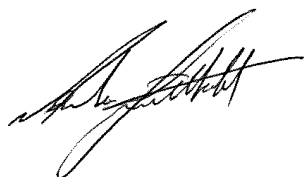
If your child usually receives free school meals, we will be in touch shortly when we know what the arrangements are.

We appreciate your continued patience with as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely



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