

# Ravenswood School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: School Closure Update

I hope that you are all well and staying as safe as possible during these difficult times.

Can I thank you for all the information you provided on Friday via the telephone. The school has been able to collate this and assess this information alongside information given by our staff team. This has helped the school to complete a Risk Assessment, the outcome of which is that Ravenswood School will reopen to **some pupils** from 30th March.

The school only currently has capacity to offer places to pupils where both parents are named as Key Workers, our Looked After Children and pupils with a named Social Worker.

I understand that this will be very disappointing to some parents, who I know are struggling to manage, however, currently this is only capacity the school can offer to ensure that our pupils and staff are safe.

Some pupils have significant underlying health needs, such as significant respiratory conditions for whom the virus presents a life-threatening risk, and others may not be able to adopt self-care hygiene strategies as defined by Public Health England. Some pupils may need 'hand-to-hand' contact to access provision or require intimate care. A key risk is that staff could, unwittingly, pass on the virus because of the close physical proximity that is necessary with that child.

I very much agree with the principle that for the vast majority of children, it is **safer for them to stay at home**. For some pupils, they may be safer at school or be the children of key workers and of course these children will need to be looked at on a case by case basis.

If, and when, this situation changes I will update you.



For pupils who **do not** have both parents who are a named key worker, those who **are not** Looked After Children or **do not** have a named Social Worker, they will need to remain at home.

Government advice remains that home is the safest place for them.

Please can I remind these parents that they are able to contact their teacher for support with work via their email. Email addresses can be found in home learning packs. A Senior Leader will be available to talk to Wednesday and Friday 10-1 this week and every day from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The school has contacted those parents/carers who are eligible to attend from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. For these pupils school will be very different. No formal education will be taught, but pupils will be engaged in a number of activities that help support social skills and independence skills. School uniform is not compulsory, however if your child feels more comfortable they are welcome to wear it. The school will be providing food, this may be a packed lunch or hot meal.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support at this difficult time.

We will continue to review any decision on a daily basis in line with the latest and advice.

We hope that all of our families and staff keep safe during this period.

Take care,

Mark Senior

Headteacher

