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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Guidance for school remaining open from Monday was posted in the early hours this morning (see link below). **The guidance is clear "If children can stay safely at home, they should."** My view as your Head Teacher, based on the guidance, is that all parents should endeavour to keep their children at home safely. The fewer children making the journey to school and the fewer children in educational settings, lower the risk that the virus can spread across Chester and the wider Cheshire Community. Outside of school, parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, our school staff are committed to providing childcare whilst you are at work. We are also committed to keeping our out of school club hours from 7:30 am to 6 pm to enable you to keep the country operating.

The list of key workers can be found on the link below. Please let us know asap if you think your child may be in one of these categories and essential childcare is needed. You can do this by completing the form attached and emailing it to admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to and will require proof of employment. **Just to stress again that unless it's absolutely necessary please keep your child at home.**

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

In addition, please bear in mind that this childcare provision for key workers will remain subject to the school having sufficient staff available to enable them to remain open. It is important that you continue to follow advice on self-isolation if any members of your family show symptoms. You must maintain the full 14 day period of isolation to ensure that children are not sent back into school before this. 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. Furthermore, we will take all practical steps to keep our vulnerable children safe and we will endeavour to provide care, when and if it is needed.

In summary, the scientific guidance is clear – the fewer children we have in school each day, the greater chance we have of limiting the risk of the virus spreading.

These are testing times and it is all our duty to keep our community safe, whilst at the same time keeping our critical services operating.

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Yours sincerely,

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