

31 December 2020

Dear Parent

School Support week 4 January- 15 January
Parents of Key Workers, Vulnerable Students and Students with an EHCP

Further to the Headmaster's letter of 18 December 2020, the School wishes to ensure that all parents in the above groups are aware of the support that we will offer from 4 January until 15 January.

The Government guidance clarifies the definition of Key Workers for support by Education Establishments. Please see this [link](#) to identify if you are a Key Worker. Vulnerable children include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
 - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
 - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
 - those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
 - those living in temporary accommodation
 - those who are young carers
 - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example, due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
 - care leavers
 - other children and young people at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

We all need to support the government stance that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Before requesting in-school provision you must consider these 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.

Please see below more detail of the service that we will offer.

The School will operate under these principles:

- Normal School hours will operate
- Students will work in the Lower Library
- Attendance will be taken and we will inform parents of absence via a phone call or email
- School Rules/Policies apply at all times
- Students will not be allowed to leave the School site unless they are in Year 12/13, in which case they will be allowed off-site at lunchtimes as long as this is in line with Government advice
- We will implement social distancing as much as possible
- Students will attend in uniform
- The canteen and school shop will be open
- Students should bring in snacks and water
- The staff on duty will not be teaching, your son will be attending online lessons and must bring **headphones**. Your son must bring in all resources that he needs for learning, including electronic devices (fully charged). Year 7 students can use School computers

Please, by return of the attached form indicate if this service is of interest to you. It will also ask you to confirm that you and your son will adhere to the above points.

Yours sincerely

Alex Wallace
Deputy Headmaster