

20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now writing to you with an update on our response to the spread of coronavirus. As you are aware, schools have been instructed to close to almost all children after Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.

As advised by the government, and indicated in my letter of 19th March, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers, as outlined in the Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision, see link below:

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

We are proposing to open the school to applicable students from 10am to 2pm. Students must arrive in school uniform.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home, and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow 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.

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.

If you are a key worker as outlined in the guidance, and would like to secure a place for your child, please email keyworker@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk by 1pm and advise your child's name, form and year group, your job role and organisation and any other relevant information. Please also specify which days you will be sending your child in for.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Johns', written in a cursive style.

K Johns
Headteacher