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Dear Parents

Key Workers

The government has now released guidance regarding the occupations that are deemed to be Key Workers. The guidance can be viewed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

If you believe that you are deemed as a **Key Worker and you require childcare provision** for your child, **we would ask that you email** key@haygrove.somerset.sch.uk stating your child's name, registration group, parents name and occupation. Thank you to those of you who have already responded. If you have emailed us already, we will assume that your child will be attending school on Monday from 8.40am – 3.15pm. If your child does not arrive on Monday morning we will contact you, as per our normal absence and safeguarding procedures.

Please remember you should only send your child to school if there is no safe alternative. It is important that we 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 classified as a Key Worker and your child needs to come to school on Monday 23 March, they should report to their usual Tutor Room at 8.40am. Initially we are asking students to arrive in school uniform, with their PE kit and school equipment (i.e. pencil case). The need for school uniform may be reviewed at a later date.

School Transport are planning to run the usual bus services for students from Monday. We are awaiting further information from the local authority with regards to how this service will operate in the coming days/weeks.

I would like to thank those of you who sent messages of support to staff here at school. Your support is very much appreciated at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Reid
Headteacher

