

Dear Parent/Carer,

**COVID-19 Update – letter 12**

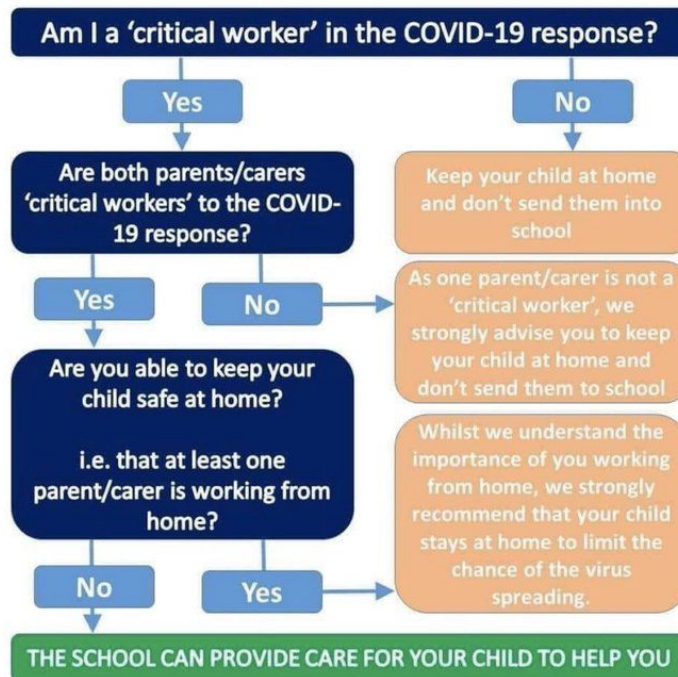
I continue to be staggered on a daily basis by the situation that we are all currently living through, but I also continue to be amazed by the resilience and support shown by the whole school community, and especially our children. We now head into May, and what was once a strange situation is now becoming the norm, but with the school feeling very quiet and empty. With that in mind we are continuing to review the number of students in school and are required to provide this information to the Local Authority on a daily basis. We have increased our numbers over the last few weeks but are still mindful that where possible students should remain at home.

The school will be closed next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (Bank Holiday) and will also be closed over the half term break (25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May).

**Student laptops** - On the 19<sup>th</sup> April, the Government announced support for vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people who do not have access to a digital device during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Further information has now been released regarding those pupils that are eligible for the devices, they are as follows-

1. Care leavers
2. Children and young people aged 0 to 19 with a social worker
3. Disadvantaged year 10 pupils

The Local Authority will identify all Care Leavers and those children with a social worker. I must again re-emphasise the stay at home message and the diagram below for guidance on this.



Stay safe, stay home.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Scott Jarred', written in a cursive style.

Scott Jarred – Headteacher