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Dear Parent/Carer

Late last night the Government issued further clarity regarding keeping schools open for the children of key workers and those students who may be vulnerable. The expectation is: If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Who are the only children allowed to come in to school?

1. Children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with [education, health and care \(EHC\) plans](#).
2. Parents who are key workers. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. If your child can be safely cared for at home, please keep them 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>

My child is in category 1 or 2 above. What do I need to do next?

You must text the school to reply with names of children, and days/times you need them to be in school.

- School is open from 8.30am to 2.50pm – normal school time.
- Children should enter through the student entrance.
- They can wear their own clothes – no school uniform.
- Children on free school meals will receive a lunch. Other children should bring in a packed lunch.

We are not going to be able to provide teaching in the normal way. Initially we will provide a supervision service to ensure your child/ren are safe and occupied. We will help them access the work set by teachers online or on paper.

My child will be at home



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Thank you for looking after them at home. An envelope is in the post with some initial resources to support your child's learning. They also have access to resources online, which can be found through their usual Google classroom (via laptop or mobile phone). Please check your children regulate their mobile phone data carefully so they have enough to access their home learning.

My child normally has a Free School Meal

On Monday you can come in to school between 11am and 12 noon to collect a school meal for your own children who are on registers here at Orchard. You cannot collect free meals for other children. This will be the same for the next few days, and I will let you know when we have a better system in place.

I need to speak to someone about my child

Please contact the school on 0117 377 2000 during school hours (8.30am to 3pm).

Alternatively you can email info@osb.school

Or you can email your Pastoral Manager or Head of Year directly. You can find these emails on letters we have already sent you, or on our website, under "The School" tab and then "staff email contact".

I will be in touch again once I have any updates.

Yours sincerely



Julia Hinchliffe, Headteacher