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Dear Parents/Carers

RE COVID-19 - provision for children of keyworkers

It is becoming increasingly apparent that we are at a critical phase in the acceleration of COVID-19 and the whole of society is having to take unprecedented measures in order to protect each other. All of the staff at All Saints' are utterly committed to ensuring that the children of key workers are able to attend school so that you are able to continue to attend your critical jobs to help combat this virus, care for and treat those who are ill and keep essential services running. In order for the closure of schools to have the desired impact and to protect the health of all of the children and staff attending, it is essential that you only send your children if it is absolutely necessary to do so and your job is crucial to help combat the COVID-19 crisis. The fewer children coming into school, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. The government guidance that schools have received aims for ideally 10% and no more than 20% of pupils to be attending. We have exceeded this but are happy to do so whilst all of the criteria below is met and we have the staffing capacity to allow this to work. School will be acting in a child care capacity not a teaching one. We will be using a skeleton staff and rotating on a weekly basis to try and ensure that we maintain sufficient people to stay open in the coming months.

When deciding whether to send your children to school, please ensure you use the following criteria:

1. You have an essential role in responding to the COVID-19 crisis.
2. There is no one else who is safely able to look after your child.
 - If you are working from home, **you will not** be eligible to send your child to school.
 - If either parent has worked a night shift **you are** able to send your child to school the following day - it is essential that shift workers are able to get sufficient rest to enable them to carry out their roles efficiently whilst in work.
 - If you are part time you will not be eligible to send your children into school on the days when you are not working (with the exception of the above).
 - If you are a key worker and there is someone living in your house who is not, then if that person is not at work on any given day, or are working from home, your child must stay at home with them.

In order for us to be able to work effectively and keep everyone safe, we may start asking key workers, and any other parent who lives in the same house, to provide evidence of shift patterns or work undertaken outside of the home in order that we can prioritise places for children. This will not apply where we are aware that all parents in the home are keyworkers within the NHS, police, ambulance or fire service or those where all parents in the house work in social care or with vulnerable children.

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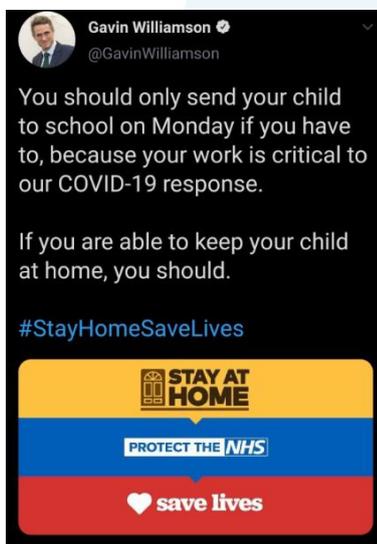
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We also plan to offer provision during the Easter holiday, as we understand many front line workers will have had leave cancelled. This will be on a stricter criteria and all parents in the home will need to qualify as key workers. It is likely that this will be restricted to people working in the NHS, emergency services and social/health care sectors. This provision may be at another school in the MAT depending on staffing levels and numbers of children. Please contact me directly via the school email office@allsaints-trysull.staffs.sch.uk or by calling the school on 01902 894452 if you think you will need this provision, by Thursday 26th March. You do not need to know the days you require this for at this stage.

All staff are determined to help ensure key workers are available to fulfil their roles and that your children are cared for. We simply ask that you adhere to the criteria explained to enable us to do this in the safest way possible and for the longest amount of time. I would also like to say a huge thank you for all you are doing at this time. The sacrifices you are making are huge and the extraordinary changes to lifestyles are challenging. We are truly grateful for all you are doing in these, the most challenging of times.

Yours sincerely

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