



## Spalding High School

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**Headmistress Mrs M Anderson B.Ed**

Dear Parents and Carers

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

The Government has published an extensive list of those it counts as working in key sectors.

The full list including additional advice can be found [here](#).

The Government has made it clear that this is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so. The Government guidance published 19<sup>th</sup> March (via above link), states, “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”. Furthermore, “If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be” (Key Principle 1).

We have been instructed by the Local Authority that key worker parents need to provide us with evidence of key worker status through employment ID or a letter from their employer.

We would ask that if you wish your child to attend school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April please do the following **urgently and before 2pm today**:

- Contact us by email or telephone to let us know to expect your child.
- Complete the reply slip attached and either email it back to us today or send it in with your child on Monday morning.
- Provide the evidence as explained above with your child as soon as possible today or early next week (and no later than Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March).

Do not send your child to school if you have not already contacted us by 2pm today. In order to know whom to expect we need to have contact from parents today.

As yet, we are still waiting to hear if Local Authority transport is running.

Like most front line services, we are responding to ever changing demands at short notice often with little guidance. My letters from Wednesday and Thursday outline much of the system that we hope to have the capacity to operate for our students with key worker parents. We are working on these plans and hope to refine them next week, including a degree of flexibility on the days you access the support for your child/children. We will be in touch with parents with further details soon.

Yours sincerely

M K Anderson  
Headmistress