

20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update regarding provision for Keyworkers' children and those in vulnerable groups

The Government have now issued guidance to schools regarding provision for the above groups of children over the coming weeks.

The advice states that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the virus spreading. However schools will remain open for a limited number of children who absolutely need to attend i.e. children who are vulnerable and children of keyworkers, who are critical to the response to the virus, who cannot be safely cared for at home. A full list of keyworkers can be accessed using this link: [Critical Workers List](#).

Parents working in these sectors who can ensure their child can be kept safely at home should do so, however if this is not possible or the child is in the vulnerable group then educational provision will be available. These parents are also reminded they should not rely on grandparents or friends/family who have underlying conditions.

Please can I ask parents who are deemed to be key workers to get in touch with the school, if they have not already done so, by email, to let us know that you intend to send your child to school from next week. Please address the email to Mrs Parrish jparrish@heathside.surrey.sch.uk **leaving the body of the email blank and stating only in the subject line the name and tutor group that your child is in and also the profession in which you work. Please respond as soon as possible and no later than 1:00pm today.**

We are in the process of assessing the need and we will be back in touch as soon as possible with further details of the provision we will offer to your son or daughter.

The government have request that all parents and carers ensure their children are not mixing socially in a way to continue the spread of the virus. Further information for all parents is available using this link: [Closure of educational settings: information for parents and carers](#).

We would like to repeat yesterday's reassurance that we will continue to do all we can to support all of our students, their families and our staff over the coming weeks. We are most grateful for all the messages of continued support. We wish all in our community to be safe and keep well.

Best wishes



Ms Dohel
Head of School



Mrs Cullum
Executive Principal