



23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Closure of the school and provision of childcare from Monday 23rd March, 2020

First of all, we are grateful for all that critical workers are doing to protect and care for us in our hour of need, it provides a real sense of reassurance and security.

As you are aware, yesterday the Prime Minister called for a “heroic and collective national effort” to follow social distancing.

To help prevent the spread of Covid-19 the best place for your child(ren) to be is at home - practising social distancing. **Do not use the childcare provision we are currently running unless you absolutely have to.**

We will continue to provide a place for the children of those workers **critical** to the response to coronavirus if their children cannot **safely** stay at home. However, provision is limited and will only be sustainable in the coming weeks and months if people use this as an option of last resort.

We know that many of you, who initially thought you required a place, have now been able to make alternative arrangements for your child, we really do appreciate this.

We are likely to receive further guidance as the week progresses, this includes collaborating with other schools in the area to ensure that we are able to continue to provide childcare.

It is likely that those of you who have identified yourselves as critical key workers will be required to provide confirmation of this from your employer. This should state that based on business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service. NHS workers would only need to present their ID card as evidence. Providing such information will mean that we are confident of prioritising places for the children who most need them. We would be grateful if you can provide this by Friday 27th March, 2020, please contact us if you are concerned about this by emailing office@worcs.tgacademy.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding, I will endeavour to keep you fully informed over the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Butler
Principal