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Dear Parents and Carers,

Guidance for schools remaining open from Monday was posted in the early hours this morning (see link below).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

The guidance is clear **“If children can stay safely at home, they should.”** My view as your Headteacher, based on the guidance, is that all parents should endeavour to keep their children at home safely. The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread across Burton Manor and the wider Staffordshire community. Outside of school parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, our school staff are committed to providing childcare whilst you are at work. The Government have made it clear this week that this is no longer Education but ‘Emergency Childcare’ and although this is not the norm for us we will not be providing normal schooling during these hours.

In summary, the scientific guidance is clear the fewer children we have in school each day the greater chance we have of limiting the chance of the virus spreading.

These are testing times and it is our civic and moral duty to keep our community safe, whilst at the same time keeping our critical services operating.

Please could you consider this information carefully? We will contact you before the end of the day today to let you know the details of our offer and if your child is eligible to be allocated a place on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jackson



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