

# Witley C of E Infant School



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## RE: School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers

You would have seen the recently released guidance for schools listing key workers and the category list of children that provision will be in place for at GJS from Monday. The guidance can be found here:

<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 clearly encourages children to remain at home to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The fewer the children making the journey to school and in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

The Education Secretary has also stated that schools should be putting provision in place for 'up to 10% of the numbers on roll'. With this in mind, we will be prioritising those parents who **both** qualify, as a key worker.

It is vitally important that you make us aware if:

- **All** parents or carers in the household hold a position as a key worker from the guidance
- Childcare is required as a result of both parents working

It is worth stating that we would only like those to respond **if** childcare is required as the guidance states: *If it is at all possible for children to be at home, they should be.*

Please find the word document survey next to the link for this letter. It is imperative that this is completed as soon as possible. If you have already contacted the school, we still require you to complete the survey. Once we have received the information, we will be looking at staff capacity for the coming week.

**Only follow the link if you are a parent whose profession is critical to the COVID-19 response and whose children cannot be cared for at home**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours Sincerely

Nicki Payne