



Dear Parents/Carers,

In light of the most recent address from the Prime Minister and the recent advice from the Department for Education, we have been asked to look carefully at how we can best keep our children, staff team and their families safe in the current fight against COVID-19.

We have taken into consideration each of our pupils, their needs and considered whether school or home is the safest place given that the guidance is that **'when it is possible for children to be at home, then they should be.'**

This has therefore lead to an Outcomes First Group decision to only provide onsite education, across all of its schools, for the 'most vulnerable' of vulnerable children as well children of keyworkers that do not have an appropriate source of childcare.

As a result, we have identified that your child is someone who we feel that will be 'safer' undertaking their education provision from home. I have provided an attached summary to how this will operate; this can be found on our website too: www.meadowcroftschoo.com .

I have already taken the liberty to contact the Local Authority of the decision and have explained the reasons behind this. From Thursday 26th March 2020, your child will no longer be expected to attend the school site until further notice. Passenger Transport Services will be notified; if they still continue to arrive at your home then please contact the school.

We are ensuring, as the Government have asked, that vulnerable children, including yours continue to be provided with an education during this pandemic. We feel that this can be best delivered through our Home Learning approach thus ensuring that your child is able to continue with their learning in a manner that will keep them safe.

We are committed to ensure that your child is provided learning across a range of subjects and this will be delivered weekly. There will be support provided to you as parents and your child through our daily hotline that will give you telephone access to subject specialists to aid learning and answer work related queries. I would like to remind your child that school 'points' will continue to be awarded to all pupils who complete their home learning studies. If ALL work is done successfully I have informed my staff that these young people will be eligible for a 50% bonus on top of the points they have gained for that week.





In addition, we will continue to provide support in relation to safeguarding and wellbeing as daily contact will be made and wherever possible a weekly doorstep visit too. Many of you have been contacted regarding additional care packages that the school intend to make available and we will endeavour to ensure these are provided weekly to support those families who have requested them.

I am very much aware that we are entering uncertain times, it is therefore imperative that we as an organisation, and you as parents continue to work closely in ensuring that our learners do not become further disadvantaged. Up and down the country, difficult and unprecedented decisions are being made; as a school, we are no different. The decisions that have been made are to ensure that we are doing everything to provide a service as well as protecting the health, wellbeing and lives of all the Meadowcroft community; pupils, staff and their families.

Thank you for your continuing support

Kind regards

Darren Singh
Principal

