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Dear parents, carers, families and staff

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Families, your pastoral teacher will hopefully have spoken with you today. These calls are an opportunity to share any distance learning that you have been able to do, discuss plans for the week and be supported to navigate any elements of your child's learning.

Some of you have been concerned about the large volume of work we have shared with you. Please do not feel that you have to complete all of the work, it is there as an option for you.

It has been wonderful to see how many of you have been able to interact with the new Facebook page, Hebden Green Community Distance Learning and Wellbeing Group. Thank you for working hard to keep connected. Seeing and hearing each other is helping with the sense of our community still being together. If you are having any difficulty finding or interacting with the page, please do contact me on [info@hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk)

Yesterday evening we heard some very stark messages from the government regarding the national effort to delay the spread of Covid-19. Last night and early this morning, additional advice was published, which is attached at the end of this letter. If you have any difficulty accessing, reading or interpreting this advice, please contact me on [info@hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk) or **07551 256859** and I will talk you through the information.

All of this information is necessary to make sure we get things right for our whole school community. I will keep adapting our plans as each day passes; thank you all for being so patient whilst we work through this together.

### **Next Steps:**

### **Child Care Offer**

**The advice that we are being told is that home is the safest place for our pupils, families and staff to be.**

Our task now is to build a very small workforce in school, to accommodate the childcare offer needed for Key Workers' children and our most vulnerable children. Our offer will be guided by the additional DfE and PHE publications, which I will attach at the end of this letter.



Helen and Danielle, or members of their teams, will contact every family tomorrow to talk about any care you might need to accommodate your Key Worker role, supporting the national effort to fight against Covid-19, or discuss any significant vulnerabilities your child has which make them safer being cared for in school rather than staying at home within your family.

**Child care in school should be an absolute last resort.**

## **Workforce**

Colleagues, I have worked in consultation with the Trade Unions, our Local Authority and all published information, to develop a strategy to build a very small workforce in school. Helen, Danielle, Barbara and Sally will phone each of you today and take you through a short questionnaire which will assess your individual needs.

Our priority is to keep as many of you as possible out of our building and ask you to work from home. Our SLT will talk this through with you.

## **Distance Learning**

Our Distance Learning resources for this week have now been published. I hope you will find many interesting and engaging activities to support you, if you have any suggestions or can share any resources you have found useful, please do share them on our interactive Facebook page.

Please remember Distance Learning resources are there to help and guide you, you do not have to complete everything on offer.

If you are experiencing any difficulty in any aspect of Distance Learning, please talk this through with your pastoral teacher on Thursday or email me on [info@hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@hebdengreen.cheshire.sch.uk)

Thank you to our whole school community for pulling together in such a rapid, supportive and positive way.

**As ever, if you have any questions, comments or would like to talk with me about anything, you can email me on [info@hebdengreen.cheshire.sc.uk](mailto:info@hebdengreen.cheshire.sc.uk) or call me on 07551 256859.**

**With kind regards**

**Alison Ashley**

The latest documents which we are formulating our plans from are, in addition to the three previous documents are

1. Guidance on vulnerable children and young people  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-vulnerable-children-and-young-people>
2. Guidance on social distancing and for vulnerable people  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people>
3. Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for->

[vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults](#)

4. Guidance for schools, childcare providers, colleges and local authorities in England on maintaining education provision <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>
5. Closure of education settings: information for parents and carers <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>