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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils- further update

As you will be aware schools have been instructed to close to most children today until further notice.

The government are asking us to continue to provide care for a **limited number of children**. This is for children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and **cannot be safely cared for at home** and children with social workers and Education, Health and Care Plans.

The government announcement asks that these key principles are followed

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
- Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
- Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

The full list of these categories that are critical to the Covid-19 response is available on the Department for Education Website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR1iwS3GulYUJA0yZ3C1Wi7-FKWHCdv89MXcXAuutGLnxdKB6ioHaCqF1nA>

We have contacted some families who we feel fall into the above categories. If you feel we need to continue to provide care for your child/children on Monday and you have not been contacted then please telephone the school today or e-mail info@broadfield.oldham.sch.uk

Please give details of employer names and contact details if you feel you are a 'key worker'.





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All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We will re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by email text, information on the school website.

Your child's learning is of course important to us, so we will continue to help your child to learn. Learning packs are being prepared and the school website has been updated with lots of information under the 'home learning' tab. The website will continue to be updated next week.

If your child usually receives free school meals you should have received a text today explaining the arrangements. If you are eligible for free school meals and have not been contacted – please contact the school by telephone 0161 665 3030.

We appreciate your continued patience as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

If you need to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so via telephone (the school office will be open next week) or e-mail info@broadfield.oldham.sch.uk.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours sincerely

Ms. P A Stennett

Headteacher

