



Thursday 19th March, 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

At present we are awaiting further information and guidance from the government regarding the implementation of the plan to close schools to the majority of children from next week. At present the government have stated that provision will be provided for the children of parents who are being called "keyworkers", that is to say parents who work in essential industries to support the country during the current national crisis. At the moment the government have not specifically defined their interpretation of a "keyworker" or what industries this will cover; but have indicated that this would be the children of nhs workers, members of the police force, delivery drivers and teachers along with other industries. We will update parents as and when we get further information.

As I'm sure you can imagine, we're keen to finalise plans to support pupils and are awaiting this clarification too, but there are things we can do in the meantime to support this action planning. This includes trying to identify which of our pupils would fall into the "keyworker" group so that we can liaise directly with parents as to the provision provided from next week.

Could we therefore ask all parents to email the school using the email address [keyworkers@penkethhigh.org](mailto:keyworkers@penkethhigh.org) if you feel your occupation would qualify in the "keyworker" category. We would need to know:

**Name of your child:**

**Form group or year group:**

**Your name:**

**Relationship to the child:**

**Your occupation:**

**Your employer:**

**Do you intend to send your child to school?**

Obviously, with the little time we have before school closes on Friday, I'm sure you can appreciate the need for us to identify those potentially impacted by the changes to provision after next week.

Can I thank you in advance for sending replies, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carlin  
Principal.

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