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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Update 1: 20th March 2020

As you will have heard on the news teachers and workers in educational settings are an essential part of the national effort to combat this disease.

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below.

Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.

Glapton will be open from Thursday 26th March to maintain educational provision for other key workers during these unprecedented times.

If you believe that you are a worker who falls within the critical categories listed below you will need to check with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

The government are clear that if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

Health and social care

Education and childcare

Key public services

Local and national government

Food and other necessary goods

Public safety and national security

Transport

Utilities, communication and financial services

Please complete the attached questionnaire or via the webform, link below. Please return <u>today</u> if you wish to apply for closure provision.

Questionnaires will be available at the end of the school day if you are unable to complete online, if absolutely necessary.

Please be aware that provision will be primarily about care, not education

Key Worker Questionnaire - Webform Link

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HCBDF7GBoEOqWbJW_OwBUWRcs9hvQidBgenjZEJrngBUMlpYTzdORDNQM09MRkZOUENSOFIFRDVESy4u

Yours sincerely

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Glapton Academy - Key Worker Response

Q1: Childrens/names		
Q2: Classes Please tick all that apply		
Nursery: Saplings	☐ Yr R: Walnut & Larch	
☐ Yr 1: Willow & Juniper	☐ Yr 2: Beech & Chestnut	
☐ Yr 3: Oak & Sycamore	☐ Yr 4: Rowan & Alder	
☐ Yr 5: Alder & Hazel	☐ Yr 6: Elm & Birch	
Q3: Are all parents/carers in the house key workers (if no please skip to Q8 &9)		
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□ Yes	∐ No	
Q4: If yes to Q3 please indicate the closest category:		
Please tick all that apply	<i>3</i> ,	
☐ Health and social care	Public safety and national security	
☐ Education and childcare	☐ Food and other necessary goods	
☐ Key public services	Utilities, communication and financial services	
Local and national government	☐ Transport	
(This only includes those administrative	(This includes those who will keep the air,	
occupations essential to the effective	water, road and rail passenger and freight	
delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as	transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working	
the payment of benefits, including in	on transport systems through which supply	
government agencies and arms-length	chains pass.)	
bodies.)		
OF: What is your less worken ish title or titles if two adults live in the home or less often		
Q5: What is your key worker job title or titles if two adults live in the home or look after the children		
Employment 1:		
Employment 2:		

Q6: Name of employer(s) and employer(s) contact number		
Employment 1:		
Employment 2:		
Employment 2:		
Q7: Days of work or please specify full time:		
☐ Monday	☐ Thursday	
☐ Tuesday	☐ Friday	
☐ Wednesday	Full time	
Q8: If all parent/carers are key workers please indicate below if you will need to send your child/ren to school		
☐ Yes I will send my child/ren to school	☐ No I will make alternative provision	
Q9: If you have answered YES are there any days you will NOT require your children to		
attend school?		
☐ Monday	☐ Thursday	
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☐ Tuesday	☐ Friday	
☐ Wednesday		

If your child/ren have been identified to attend school and are intending to attend we will register them on Thursday 26^{th} March. We will let confirmed key workers know and send arrangements for entry, registration, lunch and provision times before then.