



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN STAYING AT HOME

The clear message is for schools to CLOSE to protect the children and their families. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. This 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. Schools are being asked to provide care for a limited number of children.

Please follow these key principles

- If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- Schools as they normally run are closed.
- Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.
- 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.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home, and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Staff will be in touch via email to communicate with you and the children and to share resources. We hope that you and your family stay safe and well as inevitably the number of coronavirus cases continues to rise.

We will continue to keep in touch with the parents of children who are not in school in the coming weeks.

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