

'Flourishing together'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's speech I am writing to you as Headteacher of a school that is being faced with an unprecedented event, the most dangerous event our world has seen in decades. As we have been saying, it is vital and our duty for us to stop the spread of this virus in its tracks but in order to do this we **MUST** all work together and abide by the strict government guidelines.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874738/Full_guidance_on_staying_at_home_and_away_from_others.pdf

We need to reduce the number of people requiring hospital treatment as our NHS, no matter how strong it is, it **CANNOT** and **WILL NOT** cope with what is about to be placed upon it.

It was very clear from the Prime Ministers speech that education as a public sector was again overlooked and school staff did not even get a mention. Staff are being asked to work to support **CRITICAL** workers. My staff are exposed with no personal protective equipment and no support from the government. I am asking you all to not overlook our staff that work tirelessly for your children day in day out in the face of adversity.

I am pleading with you to keep your children at home; to follow the guidelines set out last night; to stay at home; to only leave the house if it an absolute necessity. I am asking you to protect my staff, the NHS and ultimately saves lives. The less children we have in school, the more I can protect, the less staff I will need to have in school and be exposed, the more you can protect your families.

This is an extremely difficult time for us all but together we can fight it, together we can stay well, together we can stay kind but we need to stay at home.

Stay safe, thank you and best wishes,

Mrs Orla Gibbons

