

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Making Provision for 1) 'Vulnerable' pupils and 2) The children of 'key workers'**

The Government announced recently that all schools will be closed from Monday 23rd of March until further notice, and have today confirmed that for the foreseeable future, all schools have been asked to provide care for children with Education Health Care Plans, Children who have a contact Social Worker, e.g., 'Children in Need' or those on the Child Protection Register and any Children in Care (LAC). **All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards.**

In order to enable key workers to remain at work during this period of need their children may be looked after for in schools. According to the Government's criteria, this is only the case where **both parents** are key workers. If, however, the family has one care worker and this closure presents a significant problem to you, please tell us and we will consider whether we can help (we cannot promise, but we will try). Key Workers include:

- NHS staff
- Teachers and support school
- Police and community support officers
- Frontline civilian police staff
- Prison officers and staff
- Probation officers and trainee prob officers
- LA officers and LA/ NHS social workers
- Uniformed staff in fire and rescue services
- Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (ie clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defence) and some discharged personnel
- Highway agency traffic staff
- LA environmental health officers/practitioners
- Care workers
- Food/supermarket drivers and other workers

Please email us by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm on [covid-19@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:covid-19@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk) if you are eligible to request that your child is looked after from next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. In your email, tell us 1) Your name 2) Your child's name(s) and form class 3) The category that means you are eligible. For example, my child has an EHCP **or** my partner and I are key workers 4) If you are key workers, please tell us your key worker occupation and your partner's key worker occupation and 5) Which day or days of the week (Monday to Friday) you require the care to be provided.

Kindest regards

Mark Patterson

Principal