

Hawkinge Primary School

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Dear Parents,

First of all, over the last week I have read a statement on the internet that I wanted to share with you....

'most young children will remember how their family home felt during the corona virus outbreak more than anything specific about the virus'

In these times of uncertainty I think it is really important to remember that our children are watching us and learning about how to respond to times of stress and uncertainty. We must role model this to our children.

Thank you for sending your child in with information about the jobs you do to help us identify pupils who have parents that are Key Workers. At the time of writing to you we have not been given any further guidance from the Government about who they consider to be a key worker, whether each parent needs to be a key worker, or even which children will be classed as vulnerable etc. So not knowing this information means planning our next steps (for you and us) is a bit tricky!!

I am a great believer in trying to control the things we can and not to get bogged down in the things we cannot.... So later this evening, after the announcement hopefully has been made, we will text you the list of key workers and ask you to complete the slip below. For the safety of all our children I would ask you to complete the slip below and return to us tomorrow (Friday) whether you are a key worker or not.

All children will be sent home with work packs on Friday evening with clear instructions of things to do to keep busy and to continue to support their education. As we do not know how long schools will be closed for the work-packs should contain approximately two/ three weeks of work and we will obviously be continuing to review the situation as it goes on.

I am sorry we cannot be any clearer about the next steps for the families and children at Hawkinge Primary School but have to take our direction from the Government, but whilst we are waiting for further direction we thought it was important to be open with you.

So that we can use our time efficiently tomorrow, please do complete the slip below by circling one of the options and return this so that we can plan our next steps in a timely way.

Finally, thank you for all your supportive words, biscuits for the staffroom and understanding at this difficult time.

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Name of child Teacher / year

I am a key worker (look out for our text message clarifying this later this evening) and I **do want** my child to continue to attend school Yes

I am a key worker and I **do not** want my child to continue to attend school Yes

I am not a key worker and understand that my child will not be attending school after 3pm on Friday Yes

Signed..... Name.....