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Dear Parents/Carers

You will have seen the message from the Prime Minister on Wednesday that **all children will be kept away from schools and early years settings unless a parent meets one of the following criteria.**

- One parent is defined as a key worker according to government guidance. Government guidance also states that parents who are defined as key workers should only send their children to school if they do not have a safe alternative.
- A child is classed as being 'vulnerable', including those who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

We appreciate the disruption that this will cause you. However, everyone has a role to play in stopping the spread of the Coronavirus. The Government has stressed that schools and early years settings have a key role to play, having kept them open as normal for as long as was practicably possible. There will be staff ensuring that St Edward's remains safe and functional next week.

Every day, data will be collected in the morning so that we have a very clear picture of who is in school and, if any child is not attending that should be, we can follow this up directly.

As time passes and the situation evolves, Warwickshire Local Authority will be scaling down the number of schools open and the transport network. As this begins to take place, school will keep you informed which schools will remain open as the number of settings reduces. As time goes on it will be likely that many children who are eligible to attend will be at a different location than their usual school.

Staff who will initially be present in schools will be scaled back to working remotely. Where fit, staff will be expected to be supporting the school's distance learning approach.

For all parents, we would also ask that you ensure that you follow government guidance on hygiene as stringently as possible.

We understand how this will affect the children and you, as families, and while we empathise, we have to be firm in the application of government guidelines if we are to keep your children safe and help stop the spread of Coronavirus. Your essential co-operation is appreciated.

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'We carry the light of Christ as we love, live, learn and look after each other'

