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Dear Parents,

R.E: Coronavirus Update – 23rd March [08:00]

Dear Parents,

As you now know, the Government has asked parents/carers to **keep their children at home, wherever possible**, and asked schools to remain open **only for children who absolutely need to attend**. This is to safeguard lives and relieve the pressure on the NHS.

It is important to underline that schools also need to remain safe places for children, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. With this in mind should your employment or childcare situation change, please keep your child at home. Social Distancing is absolutely key.

Priority Groupings

By the end of the week (at the latest) we will have tiered children into the following priority groups:

1. Vulnerable children (due to safeguarding, welfare or those children with an Education, Health and Care Plan - EHCPs).
2. Children where **both** parents are Key Workers or where the Key Worker is a **single parent**.
3. Children where one parent is a Key worker, but the other parent is **not considered a Key worker**.

Social distancing must be enforced. Too many children in our school will not achieve the Government's goal if we are not strict at enforcing this. To this end the Government has now asked us to provide daily numbers to them. If numbers are too high (guide seems to be 20% max of school), we may have to restrict the number of children attending due to staffing levels. To do this will be following the priority order as above.

With this new guidance **we would therefore ask you, once again, to consider whether your request for emergency school provision for your child/ren is absolutely necessary (we recognise that for those of you where both parents are Key Workers, the answer to this question is probably yes!).**

Please complete the attached form and hand back to the office, ideally by the end of the day if not tomorrow at the very latest.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Mills – Headteacher

'Learning from each other – Achieving Together'

'At Swindon Village we learn from each and achieve together by being kind, being respectful and being the best we can be.'