

# West Dartmoor Federation



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Dear Parents,

At last we have the guidance from the government and can advise you on our strategy for next week.

The advice is **if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

I have attached a copy of the main advice from them.

We are trying to stay open for parents who are key workers even though we have reduced staffing. If only one parent/carer is a key worker it would help us tremendously if your child could be kept at home. This would enable us to care for those children who have both parents/carers as key workers. If you only work part time **ONLY** send your child to school on the days you work. Again this will help our capacity to stay open for those in most need.

I understand Naval personnel have been told the military are only classed as key workers if the government bring in emergency powers and need to mobilise our military. Currently this is not the case.

To improve our capacity, we are going to shut Lady Modiford's and have the children at Meavy. It is easier to run the building with reduced staff. If there comes a point where we cannot remain open, then we will make arrangements for children to be cared for on another site and our remaining staff will go with them. Obviously anywhere we link with will be subject to all the safeguarding requirements and your child/ren will be safe and well looked after.

We have set up a questionnaire for you to fill in evidencing your key worker status which will allow us to plan numbers and make sure we have the staff to cover. Please do use the online questionnaire and put as many details on as possible to support us with this: -

## **Lady Modiford's pupils**

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Please return this only if you need the childcare as this will be what we base our operating procedures on.

Looking further, we will be contacting those of you who need continued care later next week as there is a possibility we can organise some childcare over the holidays if that is essential.

Please be assured we will keep you updated both by email and via the website as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your support, prayers and encouragement in these challenging times as we all seek to work together for the safety of our community. As the headteacher of these wonderful schools, it is lovely to see how well the whole communities have pulled together in such a challenging time. These are extraordinary circumstances and we continue to do all we can to follow Government advice.

We hope you all stay safe and look forward to seeing everyone back in the schools as soon as possible.



Executive Headteacher

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