

# Coronavirus: Important update

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your kind words and supportive response to the news of school closures from tonight. Today we have had more clarity from the government about the key worker jobs and school roles.

We want to reinforce to all parents that school will be closed from 3.15 tonight. Next week is **not** school as usual it is for **emergency child care only**. Many of you are in key worker roles and with some adjustment would be able to provide childcare especially if you have a partner or family who can support you with this. We ask that **wherever possible children stay at home** – we are only here for parents for whom finding alternative childcare is an impossibility.

Although we have the capacity and staff to take children the reason for school closures is for public safety and for the safety of our children. In workplaces at the moment adults are often able to keep apart and take precautions- in school this is much harder. **You and your child are better protected at home and we ask that wherever possible parents and carers try and keep children at home.** It is highly likely that coronavirus is in our community and we have a social responsibility to make sacrifices for our community. Sending your child into school just because your job is on the key workers list is not responsible- you could be putting our community at risk. If you are a key worker and have a partner not in a key worker role they may need to talk to their work so see what adjustments can be made.

We have asked parents to let us know if they need to send their children in for emergency child care for next week by lunchtime today– **We are now going further and asking you to specify- via email if possible which days you require care-** let us know the days you need to send your child in for. Email us at [admin@southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@southmoltonprimary.devon.sch.uk) to tell us which days you are going to need for next week only. We are liaising with other schools in the community and will keep parents updated via e-mail.

Many Thanks for your understanding and support. Miss King.