

Dear Parent/Carers,

Following the Government's announcement last night, and despite the strict new measures regarding personal lockdown - as the country now faces a National Emergency, Conifers will remain open only for **Children of Key Workers, who have NO OTHER OPTIONS OPEN TO THEM** and **Vulnerable Children**.

The Government are **now insisting** that parents "keep their children at home **WHEREVER POSSIBLE**" and our Local Authority have issued a very clear mandate - **HELP SAVE LIVES BY KEEPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME!**

To restrict the movement of people around the school and grounds, we are only operating out of the lower level of the building and will, from today, keep the 'back field' gate closed and locked at all times. The front pedestrian gate, directly adjacent to the car park gates, will also remain locked. Access to the school will be via the two pedestrian gates that directly lead from the footpaths.

On a completely different note - we have received many enquiries in respect of Home Learning. Let me stress, that the Government has very clearly stated that "**any learning at home is good**." We are currently experiencing a Global Emergency, so please, do not put too much pressure on yourself, as a parent or carer, to teach and juggle homework whilst helping your family remain calm, under extremely difficult circumstances.

On our part, we had absolutely no notice of closure. No time to make stringent plans or adopt fool proof strategies. All work provided by the school, either via Google Classroom, internet links from our Web-Page or school packs, are for children to try and complete. Currently there is no 'fixed' curriculum, as the Government has relaxed those stipulations, however, we will continue to provide work for your children during these unsettled and disquieting times. We have set up a computing helpline for those who would like support with either Google Classroom and/or our web-page internet links and this can be accessed by emailing:

computing@conifers.dorset.sch.uk .

Please be patient in respect of a response. We have not employed an army of call centre staff. This email address will be monitored by one, possibly two members of teaching staff, who are confident with the use of this new learning platform.

As ever, thank you for your continued support - stay well!

Kind regards
Mr A Johnson