

School Update Letter 6: "Stay at home unless absolute necessary"

Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Ecclesall Primary School children,

Thank you for completing the working pattern survey for this week (Monday 23rd March to Friday 27th March). We are aware that some NHS workers will have changes to their work shifts at short notice too. We will continue to send you a weekly survey re your future work patterns.

Social distancing: We have found it incredibly difficult to implement the social distancing of 2 metres or more for our children and staff in school today. We can only do our best.

We have been informed by a parent who is an NHS worker of her concerns about some parents who are still choosing to send their children into school just because they can! As a front line worker, she is very aware of the numbers of her colleagues 'going down' with suspected Covid-19 and know that the children of these staff will almost certainly become infected. If they are all in school then this will absolutely become a hotbed for disease propagation.

It has come to our attention today that there are some parents who are working from home who have sent their children to school today. There are also parents who are looking after their younger siblings at home who have sent them to school today too. **You must only send your child to school if there isn't any adult/responsible older siblings to look after them.**

Thanks to those who are able to collect after lunchtime at 12.30pm if they are only working the morning or not dropping their child off until 1pm when they are working the afternoon.

Advise says "Parents are urged to keep their children at home unless absolute necessary".

Kind Regards

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