

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware the situation with regards to Coronavirus COVID-19; is changing rapidly.

The message from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, is that schools and colleges are the last resort, open only for emergency provision for key workers when there is no alternative option, and that parents should keep their children at home if at all possible.

The emphasis has been put on the fact staying at home saves lives.

The provision we have been asked to put in place in schools is supervision, not teaching. Classes will have mixed aged groups and will be supervised by a combination of teachers, TAs and other school staff who are available this week.

Therefore students in Years 10, 11 and those in post 16 who can be responsible for themselves should complete distance learning at home. This would be the safest option for these students.

We will provide provision for those key workers who have no alternative child care provision.

Many thanks to all the parents who have already contacted us to let us know provision is not required. Please do email emonelle@plymstockschool.org.uk , if in light of this weekend's developments you will be now keeping your child at home.

I appreciate that this situation has moved faster than we all expected but the key message is that we need to keep our children safe and minimise the risk of others spreading the infection by the unnecessary movement of staff.

Best wishes

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