



21st March 2020

Corona Virus Community Update 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, we asked parents and carers to contact us following the Government's announcement regarding key workers and vulnerable students and sent the following announcement to support planning.

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THE ABOVE GROUPS ONLY

Parents, who class themselves in any of the above categories, are to contact us so we can prepare appropriate provision. Please contact the school through the following means by 3pm Friday (20th march).

- Email - education@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk
- Phone - 01484516712

Although Friday was a planned training day, I and key staff came to school to plan and respond to key families. As you can imagine, this is a challenge and not all followed the guidance stipulated in the table above. With this in mind, some may not have had communication from the school. **In addition to the above, there has been (understandably) confusion around what schools are offering and I hope we have been clear about the service that we will be offering to families that we have spoken to.**

We want to reassure those who have a genuine need for support so they can continue to offer their vital services at this time, however, as part of social distancing the best place for our young people is at home with limited social contact as per government guidance. This also means that those who need to come into school will also have the minimal social contact.

- For health and safety reasons - those families that have had confirmation from my staff will be in school.
- Those that have not followed our previous guidance must contact **ONLY** through the email address above. Understanding must be had around the planning needed and joint responsibility in following instructions set out by the school.
- Formal lessons will not be taught - students will simply be given supervised access to the learning platform from the hours of 9am until 3pm.
- Children will be separated (as per guidelines) to minimise possible infection.

My staff are doing all they possibly can at this unprecedented time. We appreciate your understanding and patience and once again stress the importance of following our guidance and instructions.

Yours faithfully,