Holly House SCHOOL

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Re. Covid-19 plan for Holly House   23/3/20

Dear Parent/Carer

This letter is to update you on the situation following further statements from the government over the weekend. The advice is still, **'If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading'**. Reducing the spread of Coronavirus is the National priority, this being achieved through limiting contact between people by wherever possible, remaining at home. It is far safer for pupils, parents and staff to be at home and not at school. Though school is open, the only children who should attend are those with social care involvement and those whose parents are in Key Worker categories. Even here, they should only attend if they are at 'significant risk if they were to remain at home.

The expectation is that most, if not all Holly House pupils will remain safely at home until after the Easter Holidays. If you feel that your child should be at school, either because you are a Key Worker (as defined by the Government) or your child is 'at risk' (as defined by sections 17 or 47 of the Children's Act 1989) then please get in touch either by phone or email. Further information on this can be found on the Holly House website.

Work packs have already been sent home for pupils which should keep them going up to Easter. If more work is required, please get in touch.

If your child receives free school meals, there are arrangements in place for these to continue. More details can be found on the Derbyshire County Council website. You can follow the link from the Holly House website. If you are unsure about anything please get in touch. The phones will be staffed between 9 am and 1 pm.

Thank you for your understanding in these difficult times.

Iain Williams – Head Teacher