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Dear Parent or Carer,

The government has now published its official list of 'key workers'. They have asked that schools remain open for these students, as well as for vulnerable students, including those with educational, health and care plans.

The key worker list provided is here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

As the government document says, it is important that we keep our essential services going while also trying to fulfil the government aim of closing schools to increase social distancing.

- Therefore, children who are vulnerable and children with EHCPs may come to school.
- Children may also come to school if they have a parent who is a key worker.
- This is an offer but is not compulsory. In order to achieve social distancing you should keep your child at home if you do not need to send them to school in order to work

The school itself is suffering staff shortages and we are asking staff to be in school at a time when all adults are being recommended to work from home. So, please, you must only send your child to school if they fit into category 1 or 2 above. If they do not, I am afraid that we will send them home.

If you are in one of the categories specified above and send your child into school on Monday, please complete this following form and send it in with your child. Alternatively you can email your response to headteacher@thomastallis.org.uk.

This information will be used to make sure that the student is the child of a designated keyworker and will be destroyed once we have established this.

Names of children at Tallis:

Name of keyworker parent or guardian:

Occupation of keyworker and place of work:

Reason for sending your child to school:

Signature of parent or guardian: