



NANSTALLON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 Guidance Update

I am writing to bring to your attention the latest guidance for Education Settings on the government's response to COVID-19.

I know that many of you are expecting the government to announce a wide closure of schools. The Prime Minister was clear yesterday that people should work from home if possible, but he was also clear that essential functions need to continue, and schools are considered an essential function at this point.

The government argues that the social impact of total closure outweighs the health risks of keeping the central points of our social fabric open.

As per the advice, Public Health recommends avoiding gatherings and maintaining a safe distance and as such it is something to be mindful of when collecting the children from the playground.

We want to keep things as normal as possible for the children but you will appreciate it is becoming increasingly challenging to do so.

Today we sent home an envelope with children in Years 2 to 6. These contain their individual home learning access codes for Seesaw in the event that guidance changes and our school has to close. They should treat their code like a password and therefore shouldn't share it with anyone. For children in YR and Y1, Tapestry will be used to post home learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr B Stephenson
Headteacher