

Thursday 26th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Primarily, schools are closed to provide protection for children (and the population) through increasing social distancing.

Government guidance indicates that a parent/carer, who is identified as a critical worker can send their child to school **BUT ONLY IF THIS IS ESSENTIAL**. The guidance also states:

- **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. Therefore, if the other parent is working from home, they are expected to care for their child.**

However, to support the running of the nation during this unthinkable crisis, school staff are being asked to put themselves (and so their own families) at an increased risk than many others by providing a role in keeping important parts of the country's infrastructure functioning, and importantly ensuring that our critical workers within the NHS can continue to save lives.

We are doing what we can as a school to keep our staff and children safe and well and appreciate your support for our dedicated staff who are doing this important work, whilst also keeping their own families safe and well.

With this in mind, there are some stringent guidelines we need to follow to limit contact between staff and visitors.

For those parents of children who are attending school this week:

- **Do not approach staff at drop off or collection time; we have some staff who fall into the vulnerable categories. If you do have information you need to pass on, please email office@tongemooracademy.org or leave a voicemail on 01204 328994.**
- **Only arrive for 8.00am if your child is in breakfast club or 9.00am for the start of the day. Please make sure that you practise social distancing and stand 2 metres away from other pupils/parents.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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