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Coronavirus update 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apologies for the brief communication but we just wanted to get some key information out to you asap today and will continue to communicate further information as and when it becomes available.

We are aware of the urgency of determining who exactly the 'key worker' category will include and are promised clarity on this today from the Cabinet Office.

As soon as we have this information we will share it with you and then begin the process of confirming arrangements for next week.

We can confirm however, that IGS will be open for children of those recognised key workers and those with an EHCP from Monday and that school buses will continue to run as normal next week for these children - though transport will then be reviewed by [Metro](#) moving forward.

We will issue a short survey later today, which will require an urgent turnaround, for us to ascertain who is eligible for the key worker arrangement, so there is no need to independently inform us at this stage. Apologies to those who already have done this as we will ask you to complete the survey regardless please, as we need one system to be able to coordinate responses effectively in school.

We also understand we will retain responsibility for ensuring that free school meal students are able to receive a daily meal from next week and throughout the period of school closures and again we will be in touch later with further details about what these arrangements will look like from Monday.

Finally, at this stage we are not sure exactly what arrangements in the wider community may look like and understand that Bradford Local Authority may now co-ordinate all schools' provisions to support the local civil contingency responsibilities and the delivery of the district's emergency planning process. Without any further information we do not know what this might entail, but if it does in any way change what we have previously communicated to you, we will inform you asap.

Thank you for your ongoing support and all the very best to you and your families at this challenging time - IGS will be here to help support you all through this and we look forward to keeping in touch regularly with you all over the coming weeks.

Ilkley Grammar School