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Dear Parents and Carer,

Coronavirus Update and Care Provision

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has given clear guidance on self-isolation, household isolation and social distancing. The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. **If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.** That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those **children who absolutely need to attend.**

Following the Government's announcement, Longwill School has tried to continue to provide for pupils education, but increasingly we are finding this difficult due to our own staff shortages.

Therefore, from Tuesday 24th March, we will open a facility to provide care for children of **key workers and vulnerable children.** As all of the children at Longwill have EHCPs, they do all class as vulnerable. However, as we are currently operating on limited staff numbers, we are unable to open to all children at this stage.

For the remainder of next week we have identified the children that will be in most need of the service and therefore attending. Moving forward if you would like your child to access this facility we would request that you complete the attached form and return to school via the email: enquiry@longwill.bham.sch.uk

If you need further support with this please call us on 0121 475 3923. Please return the attached form to us by 9.00am on Monday 23rd March 2020.

If you require transport this will also be provided. Please indicate if you need this and we will pass the information on to Travel Assist who will coordinate the bus route your child will be on.

The care facility we will provide will operate from 9.00am – 3.30pm

Every child in school has now been provided with a pack of work that should be completed at home, during the closure. Work will also be available and will be updated via email from the class teacher. Email will be the main way that we communicate with you during the school closure. Also, we will continue to use parent text. The school website is: www.longwill.bham.sch.uk

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your overwhelming support. You have all been amazing and we are so very grateful.

We thank you for your patience at these unprecedented times.

Many thanks,

Alison Carter
Headteacher