

# Ivel Valley School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I'm sorry that I am writing to you during the weekend. It is something that I would normally avoid.

I want to ensure that you're all updated frequently, however, I'm afraid that the guidance from the government is often changing. I want you all to know that my staff team and I are still completely committed to you, your children and the national effort against Covid-19. Your positive, supportive and kind comments have meant a lot to the whole staff team.

I am afraid that we are having to introduce increasingly strict limits to the pupils' movements. I have attached our social distancing policy to this email for your information. I'm afraid that it has not yet been proof read so you may notice some typos!

The other, and perhaps main purpose, of this email is to remind you that although the government has essentially told special schools to stay open, the overriding advice is that...

**you should keep your child at home if at all possible.**

Children should only be sent into school if you have no alternatives.

Limiting the number of children in school will help me to keep the school going for families of critical workers, and our most vulnerable pupils, for as long as possible.

Many of our staff's children are being cared for by an Ivel Valley play scheme, separate from our pupils, so that staff can continue to come in to work. Keeping your children at home, if at all possible, will help to protect everyone in the Ivel Valley community.

Additional information for those staying at home can be found on our website or by clicking [here](#). We will keep this information updated.

I am very grateful to all of you for your support. Not a single parent or carer has objected to these measures or been anything other than understanding.



This has been, and will continue to be, a very difficult situation. However, it has been a reminder of what a fantastic community Ivel Valley School is.

Finally, I don't want any parents who have to send their children in to school to feel guilty or worried! We fully support you and the difficult decisions that you are having to make during this turbulent time.

Yours sincerely

Joe

