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**PRIDE,  
PASSION,  
PARTNERSHIP,  
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PARTICIPATION.**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The education system is committed to supporting frontline workers in stemming the spread of coronavirus and this entails offering emergency access to school for some children. I am now in a position to clarify we will be offering provision at Lostwithiel School from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

We have been advised that, safe levels of attendance should not exceed 20% of the school roll, to ensure skeleton staff structure can rotate and pull in reserve staff if need be to keep the provision running. We only have a finite capacity so they should only use the provision if **absolutely necessary**. The scientific advice is, that in order for schools to keep safe, **numbers attending must be kept to an absolute minimum**.

**The government guidelines state** *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.*

When in provision, we would appreciate it if children's attendance was kept to the hours worked by the parents and that children are collected as soon as possible. Daily attendance is not necessary, if a parent has time off or has alternative childcare arrangements, this is preferable to your child attending.

School will be closing today at 3:15 and you must not bring your children to school next week unless you have been contacted by myself to confirm that you have a place.

I thank you all for your support and understanding in such a hard and emotional time. Please respect, I am a duty bearer for my staff, their families and children that will be in school and I want to limit the cross contamination risk as much as possible.

Keep safe and well

Natalie Simmonds

