**MESSAGES FOR PARENTS**

The Government guidance clearly states that the safest place for all children is at home. Support for key workers is in this context and so parents who have support from within their family home do so, as long as this isn’t with someone who is vulnerable.

The only other children who should be offered a childcare place in school are those with **a social worker or an Education Health and Care Plan.** The guidance does not state that these children must attend school.

It is unlikely that all schools will be able to stay open and some are already closed. As this happens, we will organise groups of schools to work together so that they can share resources. Support from other services can also be coordinated in this way.

For some children statutory assessments are currently taking place and although meeting all our statutory requirements at the moment is very challenging there is a legal requirement for these to continue. If this should change we will let you know as soon as possible.