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Dear Parents

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Following guidance received this morning from the government on the Covid-19 response and who is classified as a **critical** Key Worker and therefore potentially eligible for continuous school provision, we are now writing to you requesting that you let us know if you feel that you meet these requirements.

Reviewing the guidance, we understand it to mean that BOTH parents/carers need to be critical Key Workers and are therefore unable to provide alternative care for their child or children. See below guidance from the government and related link.

*"And 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.**

*It is important to underline that schools, colleges and other educational establishments remain safe places for children. But the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.*

Schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - **children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home.**"

For classification as to who is deemed a **critical** Key worker, please click on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are in this category and cannot provide alternative arrangements for your child/ren between the hours of 0900 – 1500 Monday to Friday, please complete the form below ensuring you answer EVERY question by **1300 today, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. If you have already emailed us we are now asking you to complete this form again as the guidance has changed.

<https://forms.gle/JNqskBuCbtibaFcw6>

Once we have confirmed your child is eligible for school provision, we will email you directly with all details. At present our staffing levels are good but should they drop, the local authority will allocate your child/ren a place at a local school.

We understand what a difficult and challenging time this is for us all and thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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