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Childcare Provision for KEY WORKERS and Vulnerable Children

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Dear parents and carers,

The guidance relating to Key Workers has now been released and clearly states that, **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 crucial that you follow this advice and do all you can to ensure your child's good health and reduce the spread of the virus by keeping them away from others as much as possible during this critical period. **All children who can be kept at home, should be.**

The fewer the children making the journey and the fewer the children in school, the lower the risk that the virus will be spread and infect vulnerable people in our community.

If you are not able to provide childcare at home and wish your child to attend school because you are a key worker, then we can register a place for your child.

School will need to see evidence of your occupation in the form of a pay slip or identification badge to ensure that you do fall into the government defined key worker category you can e-mail it to school or bring it to the school office.

Your employer should have made every effort to ensure that you can work from home but for some, this just cannot happen. There will be small number of parents who have **no alternative** but to seek support from school to care for their child as they undertake vital work which will support the national effort.

Please be aware that your child **will not** be admitted on to the school premises from Monday 23rd March and beyond unless you have heard from school that your child can attend.

If you have been informed that your child can attend school from next Monday 23rd March, you need to be aware of the following information:

- **Children do not have to attend school**
- School will open at 9am and close at 3pm every day.
- Children should arrive on time and should be collected on time or can leave by themselves if we already have permission for them to do so.

- There will be no Before School Club, before or after school sports or booster clubs
- Children are to come into school via their usual classroom door.
- Children may be taught by a member of staff who is not their usual teacher
- Children may be taught in mixed age group classes (for example Year 1 and 2 together) and may be taught in different areas of the school
- School meals will be provided for all pupils
- If you child has a cough or high temperature, or any other illness, they should not attend school
- If your child is expected to attend school and they are not going to be in, you must inform school
- Children must continue to wear school uniform

These are unprecedented times and we must all continue to support each other to provide the best for our children, our families and our nation.

Yours Sincerely,

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