



22nd March 2020

Dear Parents

Extra provision for children of key workers

If you have contacted the school regarding the above provision and **ONLY IF YOU ARE A KEY WORKER** It is important that you bring acceptable ID and proof of your role as a critical COVID-19 key worker to secure a place for the extra provision in school, from Monday, 23rd March 2020. Please do not come to school if you have not previously contacted us or received an email over the weekend.

If you do not qualify as a key worker and do not have the required evidence, you will not be able to leave your child with us. Unfortunately, some parents have applied, even though they are working from home and sadly not followed the clear advice given.

My staff and I are here to provide provision for key workers whose work **is critical to the COVID-19 response, or who work in the critical sectors.** One of the main reasons we are opening is to allow nurses and doctors and other key workers to work. It's not 100% safe. Government advice states that **if children can stay safely at home this is a better option. The fewer children taking up this extra provision in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread across the local community. The Government explained that social distancing is preferable.**

We will take your child's temperature when they arrive and regularly during the day. If they have a raised temperature or show any symptoms, you will be contacted immediately and will need to collect them. As I have said before, we are totally dependent on staff being well to be in school. If we are unable to run the school with the required number of staff needed to ensure the safety of all children and adults in our care, we will not be able to offer this support. In the event of this happening, we will need to redirect children to Hubs at neighbouring schools.

I would ask that you kindly carefully consider taking up the provision we are offering **ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.** If you can please make alternative arrangements, **it will allow us to support those keyworkers who are on the frontline and reduce the risk of spreading the virus.**

I appreciate this letter may appear direct, but the wellbeing and safety of all the children and my staff are and always will be a priority. We are putting ourselves at risk by offering this provision to help others in the frontline. Therefore, this option can only be available to key workers on the frontline. We appreciate your support and cooperation. I look forward to the future when we can safely come together and return to normality.

Yours sincerely

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