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URGENT - KEY WORKER INFORMATION REQUIRED *if not already done so*

Dear Parent/Carer

More specific information on school attendance from Monday finally appeared from the government overnight (link below).

The 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.**

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

THANK YOU TO THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ALREADY EMAILED / LET ME KNOW YOU REQUIRE SCHOOL SUPPORT. **THE SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON A "SKELETON SCHOOL" BASIS BETWEEN 8AM – 5PM EVERY DAY FROM MONDAY 23RD.** WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING OUT THE LOGISTICS OF THIS. **YOUR CHILD WILL NOT HAVE TO ATTEND EVERY DAY – JUST THE DAYS / TIMES YOU NEED US.**

WE WILL BE LETTING KEYWORKERS KNOW THEY HAVE A PLACE VIA EMAIL / PHONE CALL IN THE NEXT HOUR. **AT A LATER DATE WE WILL BE CROSS REFERENCING CLAIMS FOR ACCESSING "SKELETON SCHOOL" SERVICES SO I EXPECT YOUR CLAIMS ARE ALL GENUINE.**

NO SCHOOL UNIFORM WILL BE NEEDED. EVERY CHILD ATTENDING SKELETON SCHOOL WILL BE PROVIDED A DINNER (AT NO COST TO YOU).

YOU WILL ALL ENTER THROUGH THE BOTTOM GATE (BECKHAMPTON ROAD GATE) AND BUZZ IN. NO OTHER GATES WILL BE OPERATIONAL. REGISTRATION TO "SKELETON SCHOOL" WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MAIN OFFICE RECEPTION. PUPILS AGED 3 – 7 WILL BE BASED IN NURSERY AREA. CHILDREN AGED 7 – 11 WILL BE BASED IN Y3 CLASSROOMS.

If your work **is critical** to the COVID-19 response, and you work on the frontline of one of the critical sectors listed here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision.

Before looking at the list of what may constitute 'keyworkers' please read these paragraphs from the government statement (also note that this is an offer to parents and **there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or wish to do so**):

*"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.***

*Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**"*

I would urge you to consider this advice very seriously. Whilst we are staying open and we want to do everything to support the government's strategy to tackle COVID-19, it would defeat the whole purpose of this measure if more children than absolutely necessary were in school. Please bear in mind that we want to have the capacity to be able to cater for the children of those workers who are critical to the COVID-19 response at a time when school staffing is also depleted as staff have their own health concerns and vulnerable members in the household to consider too.

Children absolutely **MUST NOT** be in school if reasonable, safe alternative arrangements can be made. Neither should they be in because you feel they'll benefit from a continuing education. That may sound drastic, but it's the stark truth of the situation we are in: we are effectively opening as a shelter to allow key workers to do their invaluable work during this crisis. Rest assured for those who do have to send their children in, that staff will ensure that they feel safe, secure and are occupied with meaningful activities. The welfare and mental health of the children who come in is crucial at a time when their parents/carers are on the frontline of this emergency.

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