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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, whilst schools will be closed from Tuesday 5th January 2021 for the majority of children, the Government have announced that we will stay open for children who are considered vulnerable (i.e. have an EHCP or a social worker) or where a parent is classed as a 'critical worker'.

Overnight the Department for Education (DfE) has issued guidance to schools on their definition of a critical worker. We know that a number of parents have already contacted us to identify themselves as a critical worker; but if you now fall within these categories listed by the DfE, and require your child to be in school, please contact us as soon as possible. Details on the critical worker categories are attached.

Please note that decision to close schools to the majority of pupils has been made to limit the chance of the virus spreading and therefore the Government are asking parents to keep their children at home wherever possible and to ensure that they are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus; especially to those in the vulnerable groups due to their age or underlying health conditions.

If you fall within the critical categories please confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your role is critical to the COVID-19 response. If you cannot keep your child safe at home, we will prioritise them for education provision. Please complete the form at the end of this letter to indicate that your child will require a place and email it into school. If you do not have access to email, please ring the office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Liz Geller

Headteacher



Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies



Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)



- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors



Booking Form

Education/Childcare Provision for Vulnerable Pupils and Critical Workers

Pupil Details	
Pupil's Name	
Year Group	
Vulnerability	
Is your family classed as vulnerable?	Yes/No
Name of Social worker.	
EHCP	Yes/No
Free School Meals	
Does your child have Free School Meals?	Yes/No
Key worker status	
Are you a critical worker?	Yes/No
Please advise us what your role is.	
Provision required	
Standard School Day (8.40-3.15)	
Breakfast Club (7.45-8.40)	
After School Club Early Session (3.15-4.15)	
After School Club Extended Session (3.15-5.45)	
Length of provision	
Monday-Friday Term Time Only	