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Dear Parents,

The government has advised that: "If your work is critical to the Covid-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed ... **and you cannot keep your child safe at home** then your children will be prioritised for education provision," and "Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**"

Where we have two parents who are key workers OR where a single parent is a key worker and would be unable to work without childcare provision at school then we will be offering a childcare place, in school, from Monday.

However, where only one parent is a key worker we will not be automatically offering a place for your child. We will be asking those families who request a childcare place to provide good reason why it is not possible to keep your child safe at home. Given the importance of reducing social contact for the welfare of our whole communities, it is important that childcare is only taken up by those families that really need it.

For children and staff who continue to come into school, the risk of exposure is higher and therefore we are keen to keep numbers of staff and children at school to a minimum.

Whilst we appreciate the huge inconvenience of the current situation, to be fair to everyone AND to reduce the risk of this infection spreading we want to only be providing childcare to those families who really need it.

So, What Happens Next?

IF we are offering you a childcare place from Monday we will be in contact with you TODAY.

If you **DO NOT** hear from us today, **we are NOT able to offer you a place on Monday.**

As we stated earlier, we will prioritise vulnerable children, 2 parent Key Workers and single parent Key Workers first.

For families where one parent is the key worker, if you would like to request a childcare place, please can you email into school the reasons for your request.

However, I stress that we will **NOT** be able to respond to your request today and you will hear from us on Monday – therefore the earliest you would be offered a place is **Tuesday**. We ask for your support and patience during these challenging times.

We realise these are such difficult times but in anticipation of your strong support – thank you. We are sure you appreciate this information has arrived in school so very late and we are doing everything we can to meet the needs of our school community – both in offering essential childcare and also in ensuring as little social contact as possible so as to do the very best for the health and welfare of everyone.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Goodfellow
Headteacher



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