

25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents who are Critical Workers

In the event that you require your child to have school provision during this crisis, because **your work is critical to the Covid-19 response or your child is vulnerable and they cannot be safely cared for at home**, please let us know by email and copy emails **to all 3 of us** in the office to ensure that your message is received even if one of us is ill.

Our emails are:

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If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. **You may only send your child to school if your work is critical to the Covid-19 response or is vulnerable and they cannot be safely cared for at home.**

Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with [education, health and care \(EHC\) plans](#).

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

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.**

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors, and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision.

**Please answer the following questions in your email if it is absolutely necessary that your child attends:**

- 1. Name and year group of child**
- 2. Please state your job(s) that are critical to the COVID-19 response.**
- 3. Please state the name(s) of your employer(s).**
- 4. Please state if your job(s) is/are full-time or part-time.**
- 5. Please state which days you would need your child in school.**
  - Monday**
  - Tuesday**
  - Wednesday**
  - Thursday**
  - Friday**

With our best wishes that you and your families remain safe and well during this difficult time for everyone.

Yours sincerely

*Danielle Brown*

Mrs Brown  
Headteacher