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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support this week. It has been a challenging time but I am incredibly proud of the hard work and effort you have put in over the last week.

We will be continuing to provide school provision for the critical worker and vulnerable children from Reception to Year 6. However, after recent guidance yesterday, we are now opening for **Nursery children on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. Nursery will be now open for any child who would want to return to their normal hours.

#### **Online learning:**

Thank you for a huge response in pupils logging into our 'live' sessions and to all the parents who have supported your pupils learning at home this week.

Teachers be continuing to provide online learning from. Please refer to our Class Dojo or Google Classroom for in the coming weeks and you can also find useful information and work on our home learning page and class pages.

#### **Work expectations and parent voice**

It important that you know that the work in school is the same as the work we are setting at home so your child does not miss out on any more learning. Remember this is an expectation now which is very different from the previous lockdown. We appreciate that it is difficult and are here to help if you need us so we can work through any problems you may have.

I am holding a zoom meeting on Monday at 1.30pm where you can log in and ask any questions that you would like to.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97060810918?pwd=SSt0cERIRjBPOG95NkV6ekdIS015QT09>

Meeting ID: 970 6081 0918

Passcode: urjBG4

#### **Eligibility**

As a country, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That is why the government has announced the new lockdown, as people are told to **stay at home**.

Schools are being asked to continue to provide education on site for a **limited** number of children - children who are vulnerable, and children whose parents are **critical** to the Covid-19 response. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with Education, Health Care Plans, looked after children, young carers and disabled children. The government's definition of critical key workers is once again outlined below. If you are a critical worker but do have other means of child care then we would urge you to use those resources if possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I realise this is a very difficult time for us all but if we stick together we can make anything possible.

I will be in touch again very soon and more updates next week

Yours Sincerely

Mr Tolson

Headteacher

## **LIST OF CRITICAL WORKERS**

### **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 arm's 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