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Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

**Re: Child care for workers critical to the Covid-19 response.**

At 4.00pm yesterday evening we received correspondence from the Department for Education which clarifies further the role of schools to flatten the upward curve of the COVID-19 outbreak, and now we need your help to reduce the risk to our children and staff.

In light of this information your circumstances may have changed. Please read the main principles below from the latest government information which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing>

The main principles are as follows:

1. Schools should remain open for only those who absolutely need to attend. It is emergency provision for the children of critical workers only.
2. Children coming into school is a last resort, and not a first option, even for critical workers.
3. As fewer children as possible should attend school and make the school journey.
4. Children are safer at home.
5. If parents/ carers are a critical worker but their job can be done from home, their child should also remain at home.
6. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.
7. If critical worker parents/ carers can make alternative arrangement for their child rather than bringing them to school, they should.
8. Schools should ask for evidence of employment for critical workers.

In light of the above information, we urge you to review your needs. Have you exhausted all alternative options for childcare? Are you critical to the response? Does your child really need to be in school?

If your circumstances have changed and you no longer require childcare, please contact school before the end of the day and let us know (tele: 0151 426 5869).

Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rynn  
Headteacher

