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Critical Worker Parents

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you about the offer to critical worker parents. The guidance has been published about who is able to access this support. We obviously had a very short amount of time to get this sorted out alongside the power cut on Tuesday too!

As you will be aware we are in a National Lockdown. The aim of this incredibly important lockdown is to enable everyone to stay at home, reduce mixing and, therefore, the potential transmission. Although cases locally are not yet in the same realms of London and the North West they are rising at an alarming rate. Critical worker provision is designed to offer emergency childcare for those parents who are unable to supervise their children at home. Should anyone who has requested critical worker provision find they can reorganise arrangements and no longer require their child to access school, please let me know, or if you can accommodate home learning for part of the week at home please consider reducing your request. At present, the demand for critical worker places is far larger than in the first national lockdown. We are doing our very best to accommodate need and support parents, some of whom are frontline NHS workers. Please only request a place for your child if there is not an adult at home who is able to support home learning. As with all workplaces, with national restrictions imposed to support safety and wellbeing of staff any reduction in mixing, whether at school or elsewhere can only help protect our staff, other children and other families.

Please only use the critical worker status as a last resort. It is not an entitlement that you must use. It is support if absolutely necessary.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Howells
Acting Headteacher

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