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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the communication sent out yesterday we now have a definitive list of Keyworkers from the DFE.

**In the first instance, if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.** (i.e situations where one parents is working from home, self-employed in a non-critical role, alternative family members/childcare who are not in the stringent social distancing categories of over 70 years etc) . The Government has asked parents keep their children at home, wherever possible and ask schools to remain open for those children that absolutely need to attend. Every child who can be cared for safely at home should be. Therefore if a parent is in a keyworker group but can arrange safe childcare other than school they should do this. This is to ensure that we protect those workers who are in critical roles from infection as far as possible.

**THIS IS EMERGENCY CHILDCARE WE ARE OFFERING AND IS NOT A NORMAL NURSERY EDUCATION SERVICE.**

Children should not use this service for continuity of coming, because they enjoy coming or because parents are concerned they will be having a long break from nursery.

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

Please consult the below link for more clarity around the Keyworker definition:

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

If you think that you fall within the critical categories on the link you should confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service,

AND if you have no alternative arrangements for childcare as detail above.

THEN you should contact us today by e-mail or telephone before 4pm to let us know this information and we can clarify whether or not your child will be attending next week. We will do all that we can to meet your requirements as long as we remain able to meet the health and safety requirements of everyone in school.

I understand this is a challenging time for everyone and we must all work together.

Kind Regards

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