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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following yesterday's letter from Mrs. McCarthy, you will be aware that the guidance for the school attendance of Critical Workers has changed. The guidance issued in March made it clear that whilst places could be offered to children of Critical Workers, there was an emphasis on those children staying at home if they could be cared for safely. The DfE are now indicating that all children of Critical Workers – even if they can be cared for safely at home – could be expected to attend school if the school can accommodate them safely.

In response to this guidance, we are currently planning how to accommodate additional children of critical workers and to support us with this we need to have an indication of how many children this could be. As you will also be aware from yesterday's letter, we are having to plan the return of our Year 6 children alongside these increased numbers of critical worker children, taking into account the number of children this will be; the number of staff needed per group and the space available to them.

We are unable to guarantee a space to all children of our critical worker parents, therefore, we will be taking the following steps:

- Capping the number of children of critical workers to initially 40
- Allocating places to children of critical workers who have been in school for the past 8 weeks first
- Prioritising families where both parents are critical workers

Any remaining spaces will be allocated to children where one parent is a critical worker based on the Headteachers' discretion.

It is also important to note that the information shared in Mrs McCarthy's letter yesterday will also apply to children of critical workers, including the following:

- They may not have their class teacher
- They may not be in their own classroom
- If they have a school meal – the offer will be significantly reduced

The Government list of critical workers is below. Please complete the attached form and return it to your school office via email with the word **Critical Worker** in the subject line, if you would now like your child to attend school.

For Year 6 Parents

Please complete and return the form even if your child is in Year 6. Unfortunately, Year 6 children of critical workers currently attending school will not be able to be in a group with other Year 6 children. They must remain in the current group of children they are in, as per the Government guidance about groups of children not being allowed to interact with other groups.

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.

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Education and childcare

- Childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach

Key public services

- 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

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government
- agencies and arms 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

- 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 COVID-19 outbreak)
- 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

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems 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 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



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It is imperative you complete the attached form fully as we are required to have sufficient information to confirm, if necessary, whether or not your role falls within one of the above categories.

If your child is already attending as both parents are critical workers, you do not need to do anything. However, if you haven't needed to use the school provision and this may change, please inform us by emailing the school office.

We are currently planning for additional children of critical workers to attend from the 1st June.

Once we have gathered all of the responses from parents and planned for how to open the school to additional children of critical workers, along with Year 6 children, we will be in contact with parents again.

With thanks for your continued patience and understanding.

Your sincerely,

Paul Grimwood
Headteacher