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Dear parents / carers,

From today, we are operating a slightly amended system to ensure that all children receive high quality remote learning opportunities. We currently already have a large number of children at home and so have decided that all children – both at home and at school - will be taught by a teacher from their year group (usually their own class teacher). The class teacher will also be working from home.

Critical workers are entitled to request that their children be in school, but please be clear that the **criteria has changed** since the first lockdown. The parent's role has to be critical to the COVID response or EU Transition. This is not the same as previously. **The advice is also clear that where children can be at home because a parent is at home, they should be. Where there is the possibility of a childcare bubble, children should not attend school. School is, for the time being, the last resort.**

Critical worker children who **have** to be in school will – for the most part – be supervised by support staff, whilst accessing the same resources and remote learning as their classmates at home. Support staff will not be teaching critical worker children, but will be supervising and ensuring they engage with our remote learning offer. When they do not need to be in school, they will access exactly the same work and resources from home.

Due to the large number of Year 3 children in school, slightly different arrangements are in place for this year group and these will be communicated to you separately.

In light of changes to government guidance last week, we expect to see a reduced number of critical worker children in school. **The government clarified that the children of critical workers should only be in school if there is absolutely no alternative.**

If you are a CRITICAL WORKER please only send in your child when you need to. Please do not send your child into school if:

- **Your partner / husband / significant other is at home**
- **You are not going to work due to shift patterns**
- **You have a support bubble that your child could go to and home learn**
- **If your employer can enable you to work from home (please ask them)**
- **If your employer is willing and you wish to be furloughed for childcare purposes**

If your child has a place, please let us know which days you will need your child to be in school; if you haven't already done so. This will enable us to staff the school appropriately and we then can ensure everyone is getting the best possible deal based on their circumstances. If you have submitted an application that you now need to withdraw, please let us know:

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Thank you for your ongoing support - remember, we're in this together! If you need any support with remote learning, please contact one of the team.

Vicki

