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Arrangements for Monday 23rd March 2020 onwards

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have identified you as a 'critical worker' and therefore able to offer your child/ren a place at school from Monday. However, I urge you to seriously consider the following points:

- 1) **All children who can safely stay at home SHOULD.** This is regardless of whether or not a 'critical worker' lives with them. The whole point of closing schools is to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Keeping schools partially open for even a small group of children is NOT social distancing as we have been advised to adhere to.
- 2) **The fewer children in educational settings, the LOWER the risk that the virus can spread and INFECT**
- 3) If potentially eligible, is your role in your organisation actually **CRITICAL TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE?**
- 4) Can your child be **left safely with another member of the household** instead of exposing them to groups of children and adults?
- 5) The offer of 'care' for critical worker children is just that; it is **NOT A CONTINUATION OF EDUCATION/SCHOOLING.** It is a club to enable critical workers to keep the basic fundamental needs of our country operating.
- 6) On the days you are not working please help us by keeping your child at home and notify us in advance so we can prepare.
- 7) **NO ONE** is obliged to take up any place offered if they do not wish to accept it.

How the provision will work at school

We have planned themes for each week and activities within that will include: physical activity, art, cookery, music, reading, well-being, outdoor learning and much more.

Uniform

We will be having a non-school uniform policy therefore, please ensure for the foreseeable future that you make sure your children are dressed for **physical activity** every day. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, please ensure they also have wellington boots or a spare change of footwear (KS2 children only). Any other changes we will inform you in advance of the activities.

Lunches

For children who are entitled to a **free school meal**, including all Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children we will provide lunch. For all other children you will need to send them in with a packed lunch.

Behaviour

We will still be following our Behaviour policy and expect high standards of behaviour at all times.

Self Isolation

As a reminder, however, should these children who are still in school develop new, persistent cough and/or a high temperature then the 14 day self-isolation rule will still apply. This will also apply for the entire household.

For children coming in to school as of Monday 23rd March 2020, the following measures/precautions **must** be taken:

- Own clothes (suitable for PE) to be worn which are fresh on – we recommend putting clothes straight in the washing machine once returning home from school to minimise and control the spread of infection.



- Up to date contact details for family members must be available within school and emergency contact details should your child become poorly/exhibit symptoms of contracting Coronavirus.
- We must register your child in and out of the premises by somebody who either has parental responsibility or has been nominated by yourselves, as long as you are all fit and well and not showing symptoms of Coronavirus.
- If you become unwell with Coronavirus symptoms, you must **immediately** contact school and arrange for collection of your child.
- Social distancing **must** be enforced whilst your child is not in school if we are to prevent/minimise the spread of infection.
- School **must** be informed if you no longer fall within the critical worker list or you have been asked to self-isolate.
- Thorough hand washing to take place at home just before leaving the home.
- Children must be dropped off at 8:30 am and picked up at 3:20 pm

Thank you all once again for your patience and support at this challenging time. This is the plan for our provision based on current staffing levels. We will endeavour to continue for as long as we can which I am sure you understand will be completely dependent on staffing.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E Donoghue
Headteacher