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Dear Parents and Carers,

PLEASE DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL BECAUSE YOU CAN - ONLY IF YOU ABSOLUTLY HAVE TO

First of all, **Thank you!** Thank you for working with us to keep your children at home today to allow us time to get organised and decide the best way forward for the whole school community. Thank you for your messages of support and concern towards the school staff, they really are appreciated. Thank you for your continued support over the last 10 months.

Following the government announcement last night at 8pm (4th January) we now find ourselves again in National Lockdown and the guidance for schools (Reception upwards) is to close for the vast majority of pupils until at least the end February half term.

Once again Barlby Community Primary School will open Monday to Friday from 8.45am until 3.15 for children of critical workers and those children deemed vulnerable. Nursery – we are still waiting for clarification from the Government, if you are a critical worker of a nursery child please use the booking form below and we will clarify our position for the rest of the children as soon as possible.

In March we worked very closely with the community and we met all childcare needs for children aged birth to 14 (7 days per week), this time we are only open to children currently on the role of our own school, for normal school hours.

National Lockdown has been put in place to protect lives and the health of the staff of Barlby Community Primary must be considered when you decide if you need to use us for childcare. Back in March, grandparents were asked not to care for your children, child minders and private child care settings closed, this is not the message this time and I hope you will look outside of school for child care and use us as a last resort. Whilst Barlby Community Primary School has been open, the staff have had to divide their time between the education of children in school and those in isolation, the fewer children we have in school during this latest lockdown, the more the staff can concentrate on the learning needs of every child in their class through remote learning.

Childcare (Government Guidelines)

There are several ways that parents and carers can continue to access childcare:



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- Early Years settings (including nurseries and childminders) remain open
- Vulnerable children and children of critical workers can continue to use registered childcare, childminders and other childcare activities (including wraparound care)
- parents are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is under 14. This is mainly to enable parents to work, and must not be used to enable social contact between adults
- some households will also be able to benefit from being in a support bubble
- nannies will be able to continue to provide services, including in the home

Below you will find a booking form to use, **ONLY** if you meet **ALL** of the following criteria:

- All adults in your home are critical workers
- All adults in your home are required to leave the house to go to work
- You have absolutely no one in your child care bubble that you can use to care for your children.

If we are unable to meet the demand for childcare requests we will have to prioritise and may not be able to offer your child a place.

Please return the booking form to school **As Soon As Possible**. If you are unable to fill in the form online please telephone school to make the booking and we will fill in the form for you.

Children should arrive at the main entrance of school no earlier than 8.45am and be collected again from the main entrance no later than 3.15pm. If your working day is shorter than the school day children can be dropped off and pickup at any point during these hours.

Children will need to be in full school uniform and have with them a warm coat for outside learning and a filled water bottle, enough to last them the whole day.

Children that are in school will access the home learning set for the children working in their own homes and will be supported by a member of staff from the Barlby team.

Hot dinners can be ordered on a daily basis or children can bring a packed lunch.

Vulnerable children

Once we have guidance from the government, staff will look at the criteria for 'Vulnerable' children and will contact families individually. If you have not heard from a member of staff by the end of tomorrow (Wednesday) and you feel your child falls into this group please contact school so we can discuss your child's needs further.

Home learning

Initially home learning will be mainly based on Purple Mash and through emails. Over the next week we are hoping to arrange some video link lessons, more details around home learning will follow. We have a limited number of Vodafone Sim cards with data on them that you can claim from school if you have limited internet access at home, we also have a very limited number of laptops families can borrow from school. If you need either of these things please contact the school office and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals as a statutory benefit and would like to continue to collect lunches from school please contact the school office in the usual ways to order lunches for your children.

Hopefully we will see everyone in February. Take care and look after each other, if we can help at all as a school please do not hesitate to contact us.

As always if you have any questions please email me on: headteacher@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely

Jillian Baker

Headteacher

Critical Worker Booking Form

Name of child _____

Please tick the boxes below and add times you need to have your child cared for by the school staff.

Please return this form to headteacher@barlby-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wednesday 6 th January					
Monday 11 th January					
Monday 18 th January					
Monday 25 th January					
Monday 1 st February					
Monday 8 th February					
Monday 15 th February	HALF TERM				

Please add detail below to explain why you need your child in school (this will help us prioritise child care should we need to):

Number of adults in the home:

Job Title of all Adults:

Child care support you could use in an emergency: