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Dear Parent/Carers

We are writing to you this afternoon to ascertain which children really need to be in school over the coming period. School will in fact become more of a childcare facility for this period. It is vital to understand that we **MUST** keep the numbers of children in school to absolute minimum so we can minimise the risk of Coronavirus spreading back to loved ones at home.

We must remember that the children in school are to be the most vulnerable and possibly the most at risk –being children of the key frontline workers. The more children, the more risk to the teachers and their families too and therefore to the community at large. Therefore, we are sure you understand, that we are putting strict checks in place **to keep pupils to an absolute minimum.**

We are working through both challenging and dangerous times where the risk is evident.

So we need to check with you that at least one parent is classed as a frontline worker and the other parent is unable to care for the child/children due to being in a high risk category themselves or you have no other possible child care available to you. With this in mind we have attached a booking form and will be asking for proof of identification of your role as a key worker. If possible it would be helpful to have this information back in school by 4pm today but if not you need to bring the booking form and proof with you on Monday so that your child can be enrolled. I've attached the link below so you can read the guidance in full.

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

We are ready to support those parents who fall into this category but it is essential that it is only these parents that take up the offer of schools being open. We would love to be running school as normal and be open to everyone but in these difficult times this is not possible. **Please support school and the community by only sending your children if absolutely essential.**

Please completed the attached booking form and either email back to us at any time over the weekend or you must bring the attached form and proof of your keyworker status to school on Monday.

The school office will be open until 6pm today should you need advice.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Mrs Whittingham