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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Booking of School Places for Critical Worker Pupils**

During this very challenging time for schools, we are able to offer in-school provision for our vulnerable children and those from our key worker families whilst providing remote teaching to all of our pupils at home. In addition to this we have set up a welfare call system to check on families and offer support if needed.

**We ask that school places, for eligible pupils, are booked on a Monday or Tuesday by phoning the school office for the following week and only for the required days.**

We aim to accommodate parents' needs as far as possible whilst keeping children and staff in school safe. We have carried out all the required risk assessments and the relevant procedures are in place to keep school safe. However, we need to reduce even further the risk of spreading infection.

We must keep staff and students as safe as possible in school. The extremely rapid rate of transmission of the virus at the moment means that we must do everything we can to protect our school community: students, parents and staff alike.

The guidance from the Department for Education has recently been updated and makes clear that while children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school if required, parents and carers who are critical workers **SHOULD** keep their children at home if they can. **If you are a critical worker, please only request a place in school when you need to.**

**Please DO NOT send your child if:**

- your partner / spouse / significant other adult is at home;
- you are not going into work due to shift patterns;
- you have a support bubble that your child can go to and access remote learning;
- if your employer enables you to work from home.

Please could you review your needs. **Only send your child to school if it is absolutely necessary in order to carry out your critical worker role.** Parents should discuss any continuing difficulties with their own employer's HR department.

We have carried out all the required risk assessments and the relevant procedures are in place to keep school safe. However, we need to reduce even further the risk of spreading infection. We are grateful for the continued support of parents/carers in such difficult circumstances for our staff and students. Please take some time, if you can, to review your own situation and consider where you can reduce your need.

Yours sincerely

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