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Critical workers and child care provision

Dear Families,

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children **who absolutely need to attend**.

It is recommending that we follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can **to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus**. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.

For all our safety we must limit the number of children who remain in school.

If you think you are in the group 'critical worker' please confirm this with your employer and let our office know before 1pm.

We will be requesting further information from those families later today, so that we can plan provision.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. Your support has been very much appreciated during these challenging times.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs C Chapman
Headteacher

