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Tuesday 12th January, 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Changes to Critical Worker's Children's Arrangements

In light of the recent changes to the guidance for schools from the government and last night's announcement from the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, that the average number of COVID-19 cases is continuing to rise.

I am becoming increasingly concerned regarding the numbers of children we have in school; we have over 100 children with us every day. With this in mind, I have reviewed the arrangements for the children of Critical Workers with the Trust and have been given permission to allow the 'booking in' system to resume, from Monday 18th January. **Current arrangements will be in place until Friday 15th January, 2021 to avoid causing any confusion or inconvenience to yourselves.**

However, I am asking, that you only book a place for your child/children in school when you are at work and you have no other child care available to reduce the number of children in school. The government continues to stress that children of Critical Workers remain at home wherever possible.

Booking a Critical Worker place:

We are currently taking bookings for critical worker places from **Monday 18th January, 2021 up to Friday 12th February, 2021 (Half Term).**

Please email your booking request to office@eastfieldprimary.co.uk stating:

- the name of the pupil
- the dates you require
- if they require a school lunch
- include evidence for our records of shift patterns or a letter from your employer for fixed hours.

We will respond to all requests by 4pm on the following working day. Should you not receive confirmation of your booking after this time period please telephone the Office. All bookings must be made by 4pm on Thursday for the following week although we would appreciate as much notice as practically possible.

Staggered start and exit times continue to remain the same.

As you can appreciate, we are continuously reviewing our plans and risk assessments in light of government guidance and good practice in order to keep children, staff and yourselves safe. If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support at this difficult time,

K A Thompson