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Information regarding changes to Key Worker children provision.

Dear parents / carers,

As I am sure you are aware, some of our Year 6 children are returning to school on Monday 8th June, 2020. For this reason, we will be making some small changes in order to ensure that all children accessing provision in school are as safe as possible. Please find below some information regarding changes we have made to the provision provided for Key Worker children.

Entry and exit from the school.

As of Monday 8th June, all Key Worker children will enter school via the parents waiting area and make their way, via the gulley by the staff car park, to the annexe. We kindly ask that parents do not enter the school site and send their children into school from the pavement. A member of staff will be waiting in the parents waiting area and another will be by the gate to the small playground in order to greet your child as they arrive. They will then follow the normal routine of hand washing and safely storing lunchboxes etc before beginning lessons and activities.

It is crucial that Key Worker children arrive to school on time (08:45 – 08:50) as we have introduced a staggered start time for Year 6 in order to ensure everyone enters the building safely. Children will be arriving at school in staggered intervals from 08:45 until 09:10 and a Year 6 group will be accessing school via the Busy Bodies entrance at 08:55. If you have made alternative arrangements with school regarding drop off and collection times, please continue with these as normal.

The children will be dismissed by their teacher at 15:30 as usual. They will be led down the gulley and to the parents' waiting area at the front of school. As we will have more children in school, this will result in more parents collecting at home time. We kindly ask that from Monday 8th June, 2020 you wait on the pavement outside school and teachers will send your children to you one at a time. This will help to further protect the school site from any risk of infection. Again, we have staggered collection times for everyone's safety and ask that you arrive on time to collect your child. If you have arranged for your child to access Busy Bodies, they will be escorted to the main hall where after school provision takes place.

Location of Key Worker Groups

Key Worker children will now be solely located in the annexe in order to limit the chances of contact with the Year 6 children who will be situated in the main building. The Key Worker groups will still come into the main building to use the hall or ICT suite, but this will be done on a rota to prevent contact with other children as much as possible. The annexe is completely self-contained with toilet facilities and allows us to offer the safest environment for the children.

The Key Worker children will now use the parents waiting area, as well as other outdoor spaces located at the front of the school, for playtimes and lunchtimes. All gates and access points into and out of school will be locked and the children will be supervised in these areas at all times. In addition to this, the children will now eat their lunch in their classroom in order to limit time spent in the main building.

Groupings

We envisage the number of children accessing our Key Worker provision increasing, as more Key Workers are required to return to work. For this reason, we have organised the Key Worker children into two groups (upper school and lower school) in order for us to offer continued provision while continuing

to enforce two-metre social distancing. Each group will be in their own classroom and children will not mix from one group to the other. Not only does this enable us to enforce social distancing more easily, it also enables us to differentiate work to suit the needs of the children more appropriately. There will be two teachers assigned to each group each day: Mrs Eccles, Mr Halfpenny, Miss Walker and Mrs Churchill will be responsible for the lower school group and Miss Brown, Mr Hill, Mrs Hunt and Millie will be responsible for the upper school group.

If you have two or more Key Worker children accessing school and you would like them to remain in the same group, please let us know via phone or email. Although we normally ask you to contact us through the office email, on this occasion you can email Mrs Eccles (veccles@boldmere.bham.sch.uk).

We are aware that not everyone needs Key Worker provision on a daily basis. In order for us to have a clear picture of how who will be in each day, we ask that you email Mrs Eccles every Thursday (veccles@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) in order to inform us of the provision you require for the following week. Mrs Eccles will not respond to any emails as this is just an information collecting tool in order for us to ensure that we have created accurate registers for that week.

The safety of the children is a paramount concern and we feel that the new measures put in place will enable us to keep your child as safe as we possibly can. For this reason, we are no longer in a position to offer any additional Key Worker places as we have now reached our operational capacity for this provision in school.

Thanks, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Hill