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Dear Parents,

At this extremely difficult time for everyone I can confirm that we are planning to open school for the children of Key Workers and vulnerable children only. A list of Key Workers has now been published on the Government website www.gov.uk

The advice says that if it is possible for your child to be at home, then they should stay at home. This is for social distancing reasons.

We have compiled a list of children whose parents have asked for support on different days and Mrs Radford has contacted those parents informing them of who has had a place allocated. The provision will be a very different type to what schools usually provide. For these children, it will be about care, not education. All expectations regarding educational provision have been lifted. This is about keeping children safe and allowing key workers to go to work and care for the sick or keep the food chains moving.

Critically, it is schools that are responsible for offering places to pupils who may be eligible to attend this provision. We have had to identify who is eligible and, in some cases, prioritise offers to families according to capacity, need and health advice from Public Health England. The advice we have received so far is that our maximum capacity should not exceed 20% of the school population. This is taking account of the latest government scientific advice on the proportion of pupils that it is advisable to maintain direct support for in order to maintain efforts to delay the spread of the virus.

School will be operating with a skeleton staff only so as to protect our staff as much as possible. On any day, we can make a decision to close the school if we do not have enough staff to care for pupils' safety. This decision will be reviewed daily.

Unfortunately due to staffing shortages we are unable to offer breakfast and after school club at this very difficult time.

I know that there is a lot of information to assimilate in this letter and there are still lots of unanswered questions, but please be reassured that we are working very



hard to get this provision in place and to be able to offer our Key Worker children a safe place to be while their parents are at work.

Supporting your child at home

In order to offer advice and support for families whose children will be working from home we have created a new page on the school website. This is designed to offer a variety of links to useful websites that can help your children. Please encourage your children to go on this and have a go at some of the activities.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kevin Flint
Headteacher

