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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Confirmation of critical worker status

Late last night the Government announced the list of workers who are considered to be critical to the fight against COVID-19. If a parent works within one of these critical sectors they are entitled to ask schools to provide care for their children.

Yesterday, we sent out information with a list of possible key workers that was incomplete. I would ask you to disregard the previous letter and work from this updated information.

Guidance for parents

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the attached form. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, 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.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

We appreciate this is a very difficult and worrying time for everyone, and we appreciate your support and patience as we work through all the details.

Kind regards.

Mr Ian Golding
Executive Principal