



Tuesday 19th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term provision for critical frontline workers

I am writing to request information about which families might benefit from Rackham remaining open during half term (15th – 19th February) for children with critical front line worker parents or carers. If you work for the NHS, Police or Fire services and you anticipate being required to work during half term, we would like to do our very best to support you in this effort and have made preliminary arrangements to enable this.

The provision we are offering will be on a childcare basis. A member of Rackham staff will be on site each day and Active Play Education will be planning and running the sessions for children. We are hugely grateful to FWR for funding this. They have recognised how crucial it is for critical workers to continue in their efforts to fight the virus at the same time as understanding that our staff need a break so that they are able to continue their fantastic efforts too.

I realise that half term is still some time away, but we would like to get an understanding of how many people will require our half term provision offer, and on which days if possible. Without this, it is very difficult to plan appropriately and our provision may not be possible.

Therefore, if you are an NHS frontline worker or you work in the Police or Fire services, we request that you speak to your employer regarding their requirements for you to work during half term and email the school office as soon as possible specifying your needs. Please note, we may require evidence from your employer of the necessity for you to work and the decision to deliver this provision remains at the school's discretion.

Kind regards,



Bridget Harrison
Headteacher

