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COVID-19 (Corona virus) – URGENT update

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following further advice from the Government last night I have compiled a careful risk assessment in the light of further lockdown measures. The school will continue to provide school based care (not formal lessons) to those parents who are key workers or from vulnerable groups but I would just like to ensure that parents are very clear of up to date guidance on who qualifies and needs emergency care provision. The basic premise is:

If you can keep your children at home then you MUST do so.

As a result of this new, clearer guidance, I want to let you know that you should carefully consider:

- If you are a key worker but you are working from home then you should **keep your children at home**.
- If you are a key worker and have a partner working from home then you **must keep your children at home**.
- If you are a key worker and you do not need (or are unable) to go to work every day then you should keep your children at home on the days that you can look after them.
- If you are self-employed and not delivering critical COVID-19 services then you **must keep your children at home** or make alternative arrangements.
- If you are worried that your children will drive you 'mad' at home or will struggle with the lack of routine at home; we can help with advice but you must keep your children at home.
- If there is anyone at home who can safely look after your children then your children must stay at home.
- If both parents are not critical key workers then you must keep your children at home.
- If your child has an EHCP, they do not have to come in; it is your parental choice.
- If your child receives Free School Meals (FSM) but can stay at home, they must stay at home. We will endeavour to assist you with funding for meals to the value of the FSM provision. Please contact us by email if you require this.

I cannot stress enough that this provision is only for those parents who need emergency childcare as they are doing critical work to help prevent and contain COVID-19 and to keep essential services going.

These are really uncertain times and with the further lockdown measures from Government last night, please notify us via email if you no longer meet the criteria or if you do not need the place any longer as you have made alternative arrangements.

Kind regards

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