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Dear Parents/Carers

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Thank you to those of you who have already responded to yesterday's letter confirming your key worker/child care requests; your prompt response has helped us with our planning. You will receive a further letter confirming arrangements for Monday 23 March.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken the time to contact us with messages of thanks and support this week. We have worked hard and will continue to do so to keep you updated with the latest news and progress over the coming days and weeks and to fulfil our role as best we can during this national crisis.

The Government has now published a [list of key workers](#) whose children will be offered care at schools **if it is absolutely necessary**. To be able to safeguard adults and children and keep coronavirus COVID-19 out of school, it is important that **the number of children in school is kept to a minimum** and children and families are advised to stay at home and **only send pupils to school if there is no alternative. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be**. The government is asking that all families 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.*

If you have not already done so, please contact the school with urgency if you think you will be classed as a key worker. We must know which pupils to expect on Monday morning and so if you have not contacted us by 4pm today, **your child cannot be cared for by us on Monday**.

If you qualify via this list and your child has been self-isolating, then you must complete the 14-day isolation period before returning to school.

As always, follow the guidance if you or anyone in your household is displaying any [symptoms of COVID -19](#).

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

