



5th January 2020

Dear Critical Worker Parents and Carers,

We have offered your child/children a place in school because one or both of you are a Critical Worker.

We now have 12 pupils (Key Worker and Vulnerable pupils) on every class register. 84 pupils in school. This is considerably more than we had in March 2020.

These places are emergency places to ensure that critical industries can function BUT we have to think of the health of the staff and pupils and their families. The fewer pupils in school, the lower the health risks to us all. We do ask the following:

- If you can work from home or your partner can work from home, please consider whether you need to send your child in *every* day (understand this is difficult to juggle!)
- Pupils should not be in school when one or more parent has a day off work. They should be supervised at home on these days if possible
- If one parent is NOT a Critical Worker, please consider if you are able to make alternative arrangements some of the time
- If at any point the non-critical worker is furloughed, or is no longer working, please pause your place
- Please fill in the Booking Form in on time each week (will be each Wednesday for the following week)
- You are on our Critical Worker List for the whole period schools are closed. Don't worry, you will **not** lose the place if you need us for just a couple of days a week or even only need us occasionally – we know things can change
- Also we will prioritise your child for loan of Chrome Books if needed on 'off' days

We will review our Covid Risk Assessment at the end of next week. We *may* then have to prioritise Critical Worker parents whose role means they cannot work from home. This would only be a last resort in the interests of health and safety.

Arrangements

School will be open from 8.30 am (officially starting at 9.00 am) to 3.30 pm. Pupils should wear school uniform – a relaxed version. This means school sweatshirts/cardigans but own t-shirts/polo shirts are fine underneath, own 'bottoms' and trainers for comfort if desired. Please bring a water bottle to school.

Pupils will enter and exit from the playground just as they do now. They will go directly to their classrooms. Pupils will be offered toast and a drink if they need breakfast and this will be brought to the classroom. Children will be doing exactly the same work as pupils who are at home and will be using school Chrome Books to join the 9.15 and 1.15 lessons like their classmates. The classes in each year group will do PE together and go to lunch as a year group bubble. School Dinners are on as normal for those booked in or you can send a packed lunch. Behaviour policies and Safeguarding policies will apply as normal. Please let us know if your child is not well and please follow our covid protocols as usual. Thank you for your support and your contribution as a fellow critical worker at this time!

Yours truly,

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