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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will now know, this evening the government has made the decision that we will need to enter another national lockdown. This will mean that for the next 6 weeks we will be returning to online learning and we will be making plans to ensure that this is in place so that your child can continue to learn from home.

Due to the immediate decision to begin this, school will need tomorrow to organise teachers and support staff so that we have both staff delivering learning in school for children of critical worker families, vulnerable children and also children working remotely from home.

In order to help us plan for a return of vulnerable and critical worker children during this lockdown, we ask that you help us create an up-to-date list of children who are eligible for a school place.

**School is open tomorrow for all who are able to demonstrate the following criteria. If I have already had a phone call with you regarding bespoke circumstances, this still stands until we have further communication. Obviously it is important that you keep your child at home if a family member is able to care for them while the other family member is at work. Tomorrow your child will be with their class teacher but as we move forward we will need to reorganise children into a bubble that might include children from one other year group and they may not be taught by their class teacher. However we will ensure that children are known, nurtured and feel safe in school.**

Please see the following criteria to check if you are eligible for your child to attend school during the lockdown;

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
  - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
  - those living in temporary accommodation
  - those who are young carers
  - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
  - others at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health.

Critical workers include:

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

### Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

### Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

### Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

### Local and National Government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- Essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.

### Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

### Public Safety and National Security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

### Transport and Border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply

chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

#### Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

Your child will be offered a school place if you are a critical worker, **and there is no-one else in your household who can supervise them at home.**

**If you believe your child is eligible for a place at school during this lockdown period, please email the office with the following information and a member of staff will get back to you to confirm your child's eligibility for a place in school.**

Remote learning will be available on the class website pages for children remaining at home and class email accounts are available to allow children to submit their work to their teacher.

We will send out more information regarding home learning as quickly as possible.

As we did last time we will be ensuring that we keep in close contact with you- please correspond with us during this time.

I know for all of us this is not the situation that we wish to find ourselves in again and I feel devastated for our children, their learning and families who are finding circumstances incredibly challenging. However I would like to re-assure you that we will work our hardest and do our very best for you and your children during this difficult time. I am always available if you need to get in touch. We will endeavour to support you in every way we can.

With best wishes,



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