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Initial Covid-19 Childcare Guidance

Dear Parent/Carer,

In the early hours of this morning we finally received from the government the official definitions of parent key worker groups. Although I read it at 4.00 this morning, I'm sure you can appreciate the time implications of putting everything in place in a timely fashion. Despite this, I am still working towards Monday for those families who need this childcare support.

Please note the guidance uses the terminology "if required". It also strongly emphasised that...

- "Parents should keep their children at home, wherever possible."
- Asked schools to "be open only for those children who absolutely need to attend."
- Stated if children can remain at home, they should to limit the virus spreading. "The fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in the wider society."

As we have had several requests for childcare, possibly more than we can safely offer, we will be prioritising children whose parents CANNOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE keep their child at home because of their critical job role or find other care within the family. Parents who are able to work from home will not be prioritised.

I am currently working through these requests and trying to accommodate as many as possible, and will inform those parents today.

It is also important that parents understand the new role that schools are being asked to take i.e. taking a childcare role and not delivering typical teaching.

School will operate from 9.00 – 3.30 in this childcare role for those children needing it.

Mrs Hankinson

