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Dear Parents / Carers

We are extremely grateful for your support and the way in which you are respecting the COVID-19 Public Health England guidance and the very stark message delivered by our Prime Minister last night, who outlined the urgency and importance of:

- **ONLY** travelling for essential ESSENTIAL work the collection of medicines
- One daily exercise, adhering to social distancing measures
- Gathering of two or more people in public being prohibited, unless members of the same household.

Since the Prime Minister's update last night, there has been much discussion between schools and the Local Authority / DfE regarding the fact that key workers must consider carefully whether they need to use the service currently provided. In order to fully engage with social distancing measures, families must endeavour to reorganise their working arrangements in order to keep their children safe at home if at all possible. Today, a number of our families have already managed to organise themselves for home-learning, despite being front line workers - this is appreciated greatly!

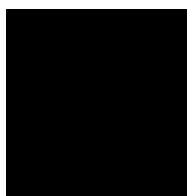
In order to avoid this provision being exploited, we have been advised to ask each family to explain fully why their child(ren) cannot be at home if only one parent is a key worker. This is to protect every child who has now been advised to stay at home in order to slow the spread of Coronavirus and protect our already over-stretched NHS.

Myself and Mrs. Hanham (Deputy Headteacher) will continue to provide ESSENTIAL care for the children. Please complete and return the attached Critical Worker Form before 8.00am on Wednesday, 25th March.

Once again, thank you to all of our parents and carers who are doing everything to ensure that our children and adults are kept safe and protected everyday.

Yours sincerely


Ms L. George
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Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day!