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Dear Parents/Carers

KEY WORKERS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience whilst we awaited clarification from the Government regarding Key Workers. Please find below the information provided to us by the Government.

It is important to remember that the Government have emphasised that all parents, even in the groups of key workers, should **NOT** send their child to school unless they have no other safe form of provision. Our provision is designed only for those key workers who would otherwise have to stop work because they are not able to find alternative childcare.

The reasons behind the closure and restrictions are a matter of public safety, if too many children are sent, we will not be able to guarantee that we will be able to continue this provision and keep everyone safe. Before requesting a place we implore you to think carefully about alternatives.

The categories of workers included are those who work in:

- Health and social care
- Education and child-care
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

Remember, there is no requirement for you to send your child to school and, where possible, other alternatives first.

We must ensure that we limit the number of children on site, we currently have a number of staff who fall into the 'significant risk' category and will be self-isolating for 12 weeks. In order for the Academy to be able to provide facilities for those essential workers, we need to carefully manage the number of children who are accessing the childcare provided on site. In the event that any of the remaining staff members should have to self-isolate or show symptoms of the virus, and pupil numbers remain too high to manage, this may mean the Academy may have to close and we will not be able to provide any service for those pupils of key workers with no alternative provision. **Again I stress that if it is possible for you to provide provision at home for your child please do so, this is for the safety of us all.**

If you will need to take up this offer you need to reply as soon as possible but by 12 o'clock at the latest.

In the first instance provision will be in your child's usual school and follow the normal school timings every day, this is not a drop in/drop out childcare provision.

Yours sincerely

J B Wilkinson
Principal