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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reduced school provision – for critical key workers and vulnerable pupils

We have had a lovely day together with those children who have attended our reduced school provision today.

We continue to work hard in putting ongoing arrangements in place for this reduced school provision for eligible pupils.

I am sure that you will have seen the Prime Minister's announcement last night of strict new curbs on movement outside of the home – the advice is clear that the population should stay at home, with the exception of essential services. Please note that our emergency school provision is available for the children of critical workers but should only be used for children **who are unable to make alternative childcare arrangements**.

In the case of families where there are two parents/carers within a household, with only one parent/carer who is critical to the COVID-19 response, please give careful consideration on what arrangements can be put in place to ensure your child is kept at home. It is imperative that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of them contracting the virus and of it spreading.

Booking emergency school provision

We understand that key working parents' working arrangements may be subject to change at the moment, following on from the Prime Minister's announcement of a National lockdown yesterday evening. To enable us to plan our ongoing provision, we are asking that parents/carers use our online booking system to indicate the day(s) they require their child to attend school. To book places, you will now need to log on to your **School Money account**. You will need to **place your booking in the Clubs section** – under 'Emergency School Provision' – and select the days that you require. Please book your childcare needs as far in advance as possible, to enable us to have sufficient school staff in place. This system will also allow parents/carers to have the flexibility to cancel places if they are no longer required. **Only families who have confirmed their eligibility for key worker places should make bookings.**



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Extended school provision

We will continue to provide breakfast club and after-school club provision in the short-term; however, uptake from pupils has been very low. Please be advised that it will only be possible to maintain this provision if parental-uptake remains viable. Please contact the school office directly, if you are dependent on this provision as your only means of childcare before and/or after school.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kindest regards,

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