



Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Families,

Late last night, the government released its guidance regarding **key workers**. Unfortunately, this gives school staff a very limited window in which to organise childcare provision that is due to start on Monday 23rd March 2020. Please bear with us during this very testing time for school leaders, and whilst this provision is organised.

Part of the guidance (available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>) states that **"if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend."**

It goes on to say that **"schools are, therefore, being asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children - children who are vulnerable and children whose parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and cannot be safely cared for at home."**

We have been asking parents/carers over the last day or so to let us know if they fit into the key worker category (please see our school website or school app for the link). In line with the above, we require children of key workers to **stay at home if they can safely do so**. School provision will be there for children **who absolutely need to attend**. Please remember that the provision will be for "care", and that school staff may not be delivering the set national curriculum (as directed by Central Government).

It is our intention to continue to provide free school meals in the form of a deli bag to those children on our free school meal register. Further information regarding how this will be organised will come out to you later on today outlining how this will work for our families.

Again, thank you for your unwavering support during these unprecedented times. The LLPS team greatly appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher