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RE: DfE Guidance - Update for Critical Worker Parents

Dear Parents

The Department for Education (DfE) updated its guidance for Critical Workers on Friday evening, and advised parents and carers of children who are eligible for a school place that they should keep them at home if at all possible.

In these fast-moving times I always try to keep you as up to date as possible but in this case I am sorry that I am not able to give you as much notice as I would like. This is because although these changes have been announced and covered in the media over the weekend we have not yet received the updated guidance in school. It was not part of the update email we received from DfE on Friday evening.

The latest position is that schools are there for Critical Workers' children where Critical Workers need to have the children in school in order to be able to get to work. If you are a Critical Worker working from home then your child should not come into school. On days when you are not working your child should not come into school.

Critical Worker parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can, so for instance, if you're a Critical Worker, and your partner doesn't work or you or they work from home or there's another adult at home, then you shouldn't be sending your children to school.

If you are a Critical Worker your child should only come into school if you can't work from home and there's no-one else – including older siblings who can supervise them at home.

Please take this latest advice on board before sending your child in next week.

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Vulnerable children should still attend school.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Headteacher

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