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Dear Parents,

We have now been given the information and guidance from the Government regarding provision for pupils of key workers or our vulnerable learners. As you can imagine we are working as quickly as we can to identify pupils who will require this provision.

The wording from the Government is clear that key principles must be followed by schools and parents. **Schools have been asked to provide care for a limited number of pupils, remaining open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.** The aim is to provide care for fewer pupils to lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in our community. It is all of our responsibility to ensure we follow what the government has advised.

With this in mind before requesting provision for your child at North Duffield School you must consider these key principles.

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a key worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way that can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as for adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools, and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, **and you cannot keep your child safe at home,** then your children will be prioritised for education provision:

The full list of key workers is included in the document below

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR0bw2mhl1vPBfncuKKMfNm0eexgk0q65mvG-esGQBavtsVAe_bcIm1BIF9A

I must therefore ask that you read the document carefully before contacting the school. We will be running with reduced numbers of staff due to self isolation from the virus. If the number of parents requesting/ needing provision for their children is too great, then we may have to close the school and make alternative provision through the Local Authority for the children.



Please read the key principles and only request provision when it is **absolutely** necessary, to enable us to provide a place where children of essential key workers can attend and help tackle the virus in this country. If you think you fit into one of the Key Worker Categories please email the office giving the following details

Your Name

Your child/Children name

Your occupation and the category from the list

The days next week you will require the provision

Where possible, please can you inform us by 3pm today, at the latest, so arrangements can be made for staffing, timings, accommodation and food. A letter will be sent out later, to parents offered provision, outlining the arrangements for Monday. Please do not turn up on Monday if you have not received this letter or without contacting the office before hand, as we will not have the provision available for your child.

As always, we appreciate your support and understanding during an unprecedented and ever changing time.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Russell
Headteacher

