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Dear Parents

COVID-19 UPDATE – Care for Children of Keyworkers

The most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spreading of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the advance 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.

All Schools are 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 who cannot be safely cared for at home.

This care is different from a normal school day. Children will be in mixed age groups and supervised by members of staff from School. Whilst we can't guarantee that your child will necessarily be familiar with this member of staff it will be someone who works at our school and will therefore be fully compliant with our safeguarding requirements. The staff on duty will supervise children but will not be offering education and our normal safeguarding policy and behaviour policy will apply. Basic facilities will be available in the School but this will **not include catering**. All children will be expected to bring their own lunch and snack. We will provide drinking water.

In using this facility, parents agree that the School is happy to assist the Government efforts to tackle COVID-19 by providing supervision arrangements for pupils who are the children of emergency workers so that they can continue to carry out essential work-related duties. When deciding to make use of this facility, please note that none of our staff have been tested for COVID-19 and participants do so at their own risk. The School will do all that is reasonable to ensure that pupils remain safe, including regular cleaning to our premises and emphasising the importance of handwashing to pupils. However, we cannot accept responsibility for pupils who may become unwell.

We have had a very high response from parents requiring keyworker childcare. If it is possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

You have identified yourself as a Keyworker and require care for your child/children, in order to help us plan our staff and provision effectively please can you provide us with some additional information, by completing the attached form and return it to the School Office as soon as possible and by 4.00pm today.

We appreciate that parents working patterns may change and this information is very much an initial guidance for us.

Our ability to provide this care is completely reliant on our King's staff team remaining fit and healthy so that we can maintain the required staff/pupil ratio for supervision.

Thank you for your co-operation. We will confirm your child's place once we have collected all the returned information.

Thank you for all the essential work you are doing, as a keyworker, at this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Clare Page
Headteacher

