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Key Worker Provision

Dear Families,

Thank you to families who have returned the Key Worker booking form for January. We have received a significant number of requests- much higher than when we closed in March and this time there are added challenges as we are advised not to mix our current 'bubbles' as a positive case would have a greater impact on both staff and pupils.

As stated in yesterday's correspondence to families, we can only offer places for those children who **absolutely need to attend** as their parent / carer is classed as a KEY WORKER and their work is critical to the COVID 19 response or for a child who meets the VULNERABLE criteria. Please note that this provision is NOT to support parents whilst they 'work from home' nor is it to reduce the number of children at home if a younger/older sibling is currently at home being cared for by a parent/carer.

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Please understand that this advice has to be strictly followed in the interests of others and in order to manage any risk.

Unfortunately, we will now need to review any further requests on a case-by-case basis as the numbers in school do not feel safe for both staff and pupils.

Thank you to those families who have only requested 'essential' days for school attendance as this is helping to reduce numbers in the classroom on some days. Whilst there are advantages and disadvantages with all possible learning situations (attending school / learning from home / accessing both school and home), our primary aim is to keep staff and pupils safe and to reduce the chances of the virus spreading.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Miss R Swaby (Headteacher).

