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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally received guidance on the expectations from the Department for Education about the care they expect to be provided for Keyworker children.

The first thing they state is:

1. IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE FOR CHILDREN TO BE AT HOME THEN THEY SHOULD BE.

I would urge all of our parents to reflect on this as this guidance is there for a reason. My concern is to keep the staff and children who do have to attend school safe so I need our school community to be sensible.

They have clarified that keyworkers are:

- *Doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers.
- *Nursery staff, teaching staff and specialist educational professionals.
- *Those responsible for management of deceased, journalists and broadcasters.
- *Local government administrative occupations.
- *Food productions and distribution.
- *Police, ministry of defence, armed forces, fire and rescue employees, prison and probation
- *Transport workers with supply chains

SCHOOLS ARE ALSO BEING URGED TO KEEP NUMBERS TO A MINIMUM AND WE HAVE TO CONSIDER FALLING STAFFING LEVELS.

School staff will be running a childcare provision on a rota basis. It will run from 8.50am to 3.30pm. This is a childcare option not a usual routine of education. Staff will be dressed casually. Children are expected to wear their school jumper with casual clothes but should bring a full change of warm clothing for outdoor activity.

If you require wrap around care Noahs Ark are hoping to continue offering this for keyworker children as long as school remains open to you. Please contact Noah's Ark to confirm your requirements from them: 01952 825066

I am very aware of the difficult position this places myself and my team in. Please check you are certain that you are eligible for this care before you bring your child on Monday.

We will today be calling the families we believe, based on emails received, are entitled to this support. We will require these families to bring their child to the office on Monday morning to sign them in so we have a register to work from.

If you are entitled to this support but are isolating please DO NOT attend school. This is for the safety of staff and children.

Thank you to everyone in anticipation of your support with this matter.

Best wishes

Mrs N Moody