



Monday 23rd March 2020

### Use of Emergency Childcare

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Our school leaders and staff are now working to provide childcare to the children of critical workers. As we stated in our last letter, this is critical response childcare only. The children attending, school staff and the families of those attending are increasing their own risk in order to allow the country to reduce the rate of infection. Most schools have today had contact from parents who have decided to turn down their places and for this we are very grateful.

By bringing your child to school, it is assumed that you have read and agreed to the following:

- If you are working from home your child should be at home with you unless you need to **go to work** in a role which is critical in the COVID-19 response. Schools are now in a position to ask parents and carers for proof of employment and could contact your employer to ensure that your work is critical and that it is not possible for you to work at home.
- Please ensure that a parent/carer is contactable at all times – you may need to collect your child should they show symptoms or if school needs to close.
- When your child is not at school, you should practise social distancing following government guidelines. An infected child is likely to infect other children of key workers.
- If you or any family member shows any symptoms of COVID19 (a cough and and/or a high temperature) you must inform school and all household members must isolate for 14 days.

Because we know that the virus can live on surfaces, including skin, hair and clothing, we ask that you follow the following guidelines to support us:

- Tie up long hair
- Do not allow children to wear jewellery or watches
- Don not allow children to bring unnecessary possessions into school
- When your child gets home, carefully put their clothes straight into the washing machine and ensure that your child has a bath or a shower
- Please send your child to school in clean clothing

School staff will also follow these procedures.

We are all fully aware that whatever arrangements we have in place today will change rapidly and we will need you to be up to date, so please ensure that you read all information from school.

In addition to the above, your child's school will keep you informed about their own specific procedures. It is essential that parents and carers respect and abide by each school's decisions and advice. We are all working as hard as we can to ensure that our actions contribute towards protecting our communities.

Thank you for your cooperation and your support.

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