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Dear parents,

Re: Arrangements for the children of key workers

Further to my letter yesterday you will probably be aware that I have received further guidance which is shared with you below. As stated yesterday we intend to provide a service for the children of key workers whose work is vital to the fight against COVID-19.

Please only use this service if absolutely vital and only on the days/times you need to. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. It is safer for everyone concerned if we have the fewest possible numbers of individuals in the building at any one time as this will help to control the spread of the virus which is the number one priority for our country.

If we spoke to you yesterday regarding you being a key worker then you are on our list of people that we expect to be providing for next week. However, if after seeing the new DfE list (link below) you believe that you are eligible and you need to use this service, then please contact us on: office@leighbransford.worcs.sch.uk or phone 01886 832342. Please make contact with us by 1.30pm or if for any reason you collect this letter after this deadline please contact us as soon as possible.

When thinking about use of our service the government asks that you follow 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 critical 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 which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles

List of key workers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We are working very hard to produce resources and systems for continuing our pupils' education at home but in the current environment this is obviously

challenging and I ask you to bear with us whilst this work is finalised.

We are also working on the logistics regarding free school meals for those who need them whilst school is closed. We will be in touch about this later.

Once we have the list of key workers' children compiled we will write to you separately about arrangements for next week.

Thank you for your ongoing support at this difficult time. Thank you too for the kind words and chocolate treats we have received - much appreciated!!

Yours sincerely

Mr S Bill

Headteacher