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Dear parents/carers

Thank you for responding to my email of yesterday regarding the provision for children of critical workers dealing with the current crisis and those considered to be vulnerable. We are committed to supporting these children and their families and are adhering to government guidance around the allocation of places.

As you are aware, we have arranged for a limited opening of classrooms in response to the demand for places and I must ask all applicants for places to do the following, even if you have already informed me that you are a key worker and would like to take up the offer of a place for your child/ren:

- Carefully consider whether you do have an essential need for your child to attend school. If home-learning is possible for your child it will help contribute to a reduction in transmission risk.

If the answer to the above is yes, please:

- Provide a letter/email of confirmation from your line manager (or equivalent) that your role is critical in the coronavirus (COVID-19) and/or EU transition response as described in [Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings](#), published 5th January 2021
- Confirm how many days a week your / child/ren require/s a place if you have not already done this. **Please note that the number of days should reflect the days during which you are performing your critical worker role**
- If your child/children are allocated a place and your situation changes, meaning that you are no longer performing a critical worker role, or if your hours/days performing the role are reduced, you must inform the school immediately.

You will understand that we are obliged to be rigorous when offering these places so as to not undermine the huge effort of staff and families to reduce transmission risk within the school community and beyond.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for all that you are doing to support the wider community.

Best wishes

Lucy Miles