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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please be advised that the information regarding critical workers has now been published by the Department for Education - please click on the link below for full details.

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

This list is aimed at those parents, whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response. However it is important to emphasise, for your child's own safety, **that every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Please, therefore, 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 as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

If, after following these principles, your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors and you **cannot** keep your child safe at home, then your child will be prioritised for education provision. In order to make these arrangements, please contact the school office directly or by telephoning 01332 880317.

This provision will take place at Richardson Endowed Primary School between 9.00am - 3.00pm (Monday to Friday). In the event this can no longer happen, due to staffing shortages, you will of course be notified with immediate effect and provided with details of an alternative provision.

For most pupils, Richardson Endowed Primary School will be closed from 3.30pm on Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your understanding and continued support this week, through what continues to be some very challenging times.

Best wishes,

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