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*A Christian school in a small community, making a big difference.
(Thessalonians 5:11 - Encourage one another, build one another up.)*

Key worker provision.

Dear Parents,

Good afternoon and thank you to all who have been extremely patient and understanding with us today. I really cannot stress enough that this measure is the last resort if you cannot find another alternative for your children. The government guidelines are clear that **"If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be."** and that this provision is purely so that key workers can go to work for the benefit of the national effort against coronavirus and is not a measure to support families so that they can continue to earn.

I have instructed my staff that during this time they should get the children to complete the work that has been set for them by their class teachers, however I must insist that parents refrain from questioning academic progress or other such issues related to the education of their child. I am sure by now you will be aware that other schools are not going to the same lengths to try and continue the education of the children during this time and that the government made clear that any provision should be seen as supervision not education. As such I feel as a school our arrangements have already gone above and beyond expectations at such an unprecedented time.

How long such provision and measures are requested to continue I cannot predict, however I appeal to you all to only use this offer as a last resort to ensure you can continue your vital work for the good of the country. The press are already reporting that such provisions are open to abuse and that schools up and down the country have faced the same very difficult conversations and decisions to try and stop this from happening.

By now you will be aware if your child should be in school on Monday or not based on conversations with the school office and I would like to once again thank my staff and in particular Mrs Grady who has done an amazing job in coordinating the impossible today! I could not be any prouder to work alongside such an admirable staff team.

When your child comes in to school please ensure that they arrive promptly for 9am and that likewise they are picked up in a timely fashion at 3:30pm. They should arrive with a pack up for lunch, they do not need to be in school uniform, nor do they need anything with them. If at any point during the day a child becomes unwell or their behaviour does not meet the standards that our school expects then we will call the emergency contacts on their list to come and collect the child as appropriate and this may then mean that they need to follow the same self isolation rules as everyone else or in the case of behaviour that we need to exclude them from this provision.

I ask that during this stressful and upsetting time that you all remain calm and continue to respect my staff as they do the best that they can with the circumstances we are all facing.

Mrs Grady will continue to coordinate the provision on a week by week basis and will need to know who, when and why people need to be in school if you currently do not require this and your circumstances change please get in touch. If evidence that is asked for is not provided then I am sorry but we cannot admit your child without this. Just turning up at the school is not enough as staff have been given the first two weeks expected register and those who are not on this may be turned away.

As stated yesterday Mrs Grady will now be contactable during office hours only on the following number and on the school email address as normal.

Telephone : 07907 872890

We want you all to stay safe, follow the government guidelines on isolation and social distancing and continue to wash those hands!

Kindest Regards

Mr S Richardson and the whole team here at Skidby

