

Friday, 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Support Provision

I hope your children have settled well into the new routine in school over the last few days.

Currently, the number of children in school is significantly higher than during the first lockdown. I need to stress that children should only be in school if absolutely necessary. The whole purpose of this lockdown and school closures is to reduce the spread of the virus. Obviously, the more children that are in school, the greater the chance there is of it being transmitted to the children, school staff, parents, other family members and the wider community. The updated guidance from the government this week states:

Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.

From today, and in-line with our MAT schools, if we do become overwhelmed, we reserve the right to ask for simple evidence that you are a critical worker due to the recent increase in demand. This can be your work ID badge, letter from your employer or pay slip (we would only ask for this once).

Please send this as a photograph (taken from your phone) or scan in an email with the heading **Critical Worker ID** to admin3066@welearn365.com by Wednesday 13th January. If you are not able to do this please contact the office.

We want to minimise the amount of contacts that we have in school so that we can stay open and serve the community but we all have a part to play in that, with your support being crucial. **If you work from home as a critical worker, and having children at home would prevent you from doing your job, then your child is still entitled to a place.**

If a child tests positive, we will have to isolate their bubble which will clearly impact on parents' ability to carry out critical worker roles. Please think twice before taking up the provision, if learning from home is an option. I know it is not easy by any means, as I know from the experiences of our staff who have children of school age, but please reflect on why we are in this difficult position.

If your family circumstances change, for example when a parent is furloughed and will therefore be at home, please contact the office so we know that your child will no longer require the place.

Please email admin3066@welearn365.com or send a message on Studybugs to let us know if your requirements are different for next week by 6pm today if possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support under challenging circumstances.

Best wishes,



Mary Gray
Head of School

