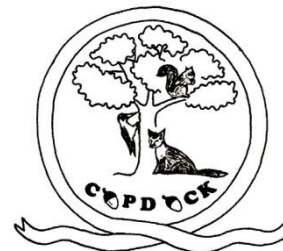


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Critical worker provision

Dear Parents,

There is a possibility that the Government may enforce local or national lockdowns or 'circuit breaks' in the coming weeks. As cluster schools we are making plans for the care of vulnerable children and children of critical workers so we are ready for any announcement and order from the government to provide care.

Schools are also required by law to provide remote education should lockdowns occur, each school has a plan for that and this will be communicated to parents.

To enable our schools to fulfil the legal obligation to provide remote education and also to provide essential childcare for children we need to have an accurate register of those needing the provision in school.

We have developed a hierarchy of need across the cluster schools to make the access to provision fair for all, this will then enable schools to balance the need for teachers to provide remote education and to staff a childcare facility.

The list of critical workers from the Government is here:

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

Childcare provision in school will be offered in the following order:

1. Vulnerable children – these children will be identified by the school and parents will be contacted.
2. Families where both parents are critical workers and there is no other adult (aged 18 or above) to provide childcare in the home or a single parent who is a critical worker and there is no other adult (aged 18 or above) to provide childcare in the home.
3. Families where one parent is a critical worker and there is no other adult (aged 18 or above) in the home who can provide childcare.
4. Families where both adults are critical workers but there is another adult in the home who can provide childcare.
5. Families where one adult is a critical worker and there is another adult in the home who can provide childcare.

You will be asked to provide evidence of critical worker employment on the first day the child attends the provision, this might be in the form of an employer letter, a ID tag etc.

Please fill in the form by clicking [this link here](#) so each school can create a register for use should the schools be asked to make this provision available again.

Yours,

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