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Dear Parents and Carers,

As there were some changes on Friday afternoon to the guidance from the DFE regarding critical worker provision in school, and in response to some common questions from some of you, I am writing to update you on our position at Beaver Road regarding this new guidance and the provision we are able to offer at this time in school.

As outlined in our critical keyworker application information sent last week, our provision in school is only available for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. In order to ensure our school remains a safe environment for children, families and staff in light of recent covid-19 developments and this current national lockdown, we have completed another thorough risk assessment. Taking into consideration class sizes, staffing capacity, physical environments, the need for high quality remote learning for the majority of children staying at home and the need to essentially reduce all contacts in school to help reduce the spread of the virus, we can now accommodate a maximum of 320 children in school safely. This is more than a third of our total number of children.

The DFE guidance now states that 'children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can'. However, due to very high demand of critical keyworker provision in our school community, we would compromise school safety at this time if everyone eligible attended. We therefore have no choice but to maintain a waiting list as explained in the application information letter.

Our provision is currently full and places will be reviewed weekly. If your child has been offered a place in school and at least one critical worker parent in the family is now furloughed, there is a parent at home or a parent able to work from home, we urge you to please keep your child/children at home as recommended. Please inform us immediately if this is the case so we can reallocate your child's place to a family in need. In addition, we are also checking ID carefully as explained in the application information. We reserve the right to remove your child's allocated place if the information provided is incorrect and you are subsequently not deemed as eligible.



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If you are now requiring a place and are not already on our waiting list, please complete the application form that is live again on your child's school spider account. If you are eligible, you will be placed on our waiting list based on the information you give on the form and as explained in our critical worker application information.

In relation to the guidance that has changed about our Nursery Class provision, we will not be able to reopen our nursery provision to all children at this time. This is also as a result of our risk assessment and considering the health and wellbeing of our staff team. We are safely able to have up to 36 children currently within our Nursery provision and we have allocated places in the same way as we have within the rest of the school.

I understand that this will not necessarily meet every family's needs or wants at this time. However, it is important to remember that we are in a pandemic and are all being asked to stay at home unless our roles are critical to the COVID-19 response. We are doing our very best to keep our provision accessible to those who need us the most. So please be considerate, follow the health and safety advice and help keep our school community as safe as possible.

Best wishes,

Mrs Liz Hardy
Executive Headteacher