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Dear Parent/Guardian

Care for children of key workers / emergency workers

We recognise the uncertainty of the current context and know how hard everyone is working to maintain stability for children. As you know, our school is unable to continue operating onsite and we will move to implement our online learning plans.

We know that for some parents, they are required to continue to work because they provide essential community services. For this reason and to support the ability of our emergency care workers to continue serving the public, we will have a skeleton staff at the school who are able to provide care for the children of these key workers during the period of school closures. This will be for the small number of parents who provide essential services and have no other childcare arrangements. We aim to provide care between the hours of 08.00- 17.30.

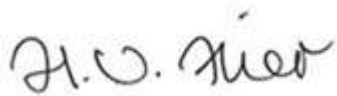
This care is different from a normal school day. Children will be in mixed age groups and supervised by members of staff from the school. Whilst we cannot guarantee that your child will necessarily be familiar with this member of staff, it will be someone who works at our school and will therefore be fully compliant with our safeguarding requirements.

The staff on duty will supervise children but will not be offering education and our normal safeguarding policy and behaviour policy will apply. Basic facilities will be available in the school and this will include a cooked meal and fresh drinking water. Children can also bring their own snacks and drinks.

In using this facility, parents agree that the School is happy to assist the Government efforts to tackle COVID-19 by providing supervision arrangements for pupils who are the children of emergency workers so that they can continue to carry out essential work-related duties. When deciding to make use of this facility, please note that none of our staff have been tested for COVID-19 and participants do so at their own risk. The School will do all that is reasonable to ensure that pupils remain safe, including regular cleaning of our premises and emphasizing the importance of handwashing to pupils. However, we cannot accept responsibility for pupils who may become unwell.

For parents wishing to use this facility we ask that you email the information below today to Nicola.McGinley@cognita.com

Kind regards



Helen Hier
Headteacher

Name of child/ren

Year group/s

Reason for requesting this service