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Children of Key Workers attending school

Dear Parents and Carers who are Key Workers,

The capacity for all our schools to accept children is being affected by the growing number of staff who are having to self-isolate, 'shield' because they are in vulnerable groups themselves or even who are ill and unable to work.

Following on from the most recent announcement from the Prime Minister, we have reviewed the criteria for children who we will be offering places to in school. Every child who is safe at home should be at home; this includes those who may have an appropriate older sibling over 16 who you feel is responsible enough and safe to care for your child while you are at work. This is to ensure everyone is doing all that they can to limit the chance of the virus spreading. The more pupils that are in school the greater the risk there is to other pupils and staff of either contracting or transmitting the virus.

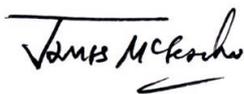
Therefore, we will be using the following criteria:

We will only accept children from households where all parents/adults are key workers, **so long as their job cannot be done from home.**

We will continue to support those parents for whom this provision is absolutely necessary, and we thank you for your efforts during this most difficult of times. If you no longer intend for your child not to come to school then please contact Mrs Lane on t.lane@st-patricks.nottingham.sch.uk. Where necessary we are happy to follow up with a phone call.

Please be assured that school staff are working very hard in very challenging circumstances. We are committed to supporting the Government's strategy in tackling Coronavirus, but in order to do this we must protect our staff.

Yours sincerely



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