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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: KEY WORKER LIST REVISED

Following receipt of the widely anticipated, but disappointingly delayed, Key Worker list from the government this morning we are pleased to confirm that there are additional roles that have been added to the initial list that we sent out in our communication from yesterday.

Hillcrest Primary School will remain open during both term-time AND the Easter holidays for the children of those parents from the following list...

- NHS staff and healthcare staff including...
 - Doctors;
 - Midwives;
 - Nurses;
 - Paramedics;
 - Care workers;
 - Producers and distributors of medicines and Personal, Protective Equipment
- Teachers & Nursery Nurses (based within schools and NOT childminders who work from home);
- Police officers;
- Those involved in the justice system;
- Journalists and broadcasters;
- Undertakers;
- Those who work for local or national government;
- Those involved in food processing, production, distribution or sale;
- Prison Service staff;
- Social Workers;
- Firefighters;
- Ministry of Defence employees and contractors;
- Border Control staff;
- Those who keep transport systems open (air, water, road and rail);
- Workers in banks and building societies;
- Those working in the oil, gas, electricity, water and sewerage sectors;

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- Information technology and data infrastructure sector;
- KEY STAFF in civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications and waste disposal;
- Delivery drivers – including...
 - Home shopping deliveries;
 - Parcel delivery;
 - Royal Mail;
 - Lorry drivers.

If you fall within one of these categories, you are entitled to continue sending your children to school throughout this period of enforced closure, including school holidays, UNLESS staffing numbers are so seriously affected by Covid-19 that the school has to completely close.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ADULTS WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD MUST FALL INTO THESE CATEGORIES TO QUALIFY. IF ONE PARENT/RESPONSIBLE ADULT DOES NOT FALL WITHIN THESE CATEGORIES THEN THE CHILD MUST STAY AT HOME.

WE WOULD STRESS AT THIS POINT THAT A GROWING NUMBER OF STAFF ARE EITHER DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OR SELF-ISOLATING AND THEREFORE IF THESE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO GROW, HILLCREST PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL CLOSE COMPLETELY TO ALL.

*THIS IS WHY IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT NUMBERS ACCESSING THIS EMERGENCY CHILDCARE IS KEPT TO A MINIMUM AND THE RULE THAT **BOTH** PARENTS OR RESPONSIBLE ADULTS WITHIN THE HOUSEHOLD MUST FALL WITHIN ONE OF THESE KEY WORKER CATEGORIES **MUST** BE STRICTLY ENFORCED*

However, we need to know exactly how many children we will be supporting from next Monday. **Therefore, if you fall within one of the categories above, you MUST send the school an e-mail to office@hillcrest.norfolk.sch.uk to confirm that you would like to take up one of these places by 1pm on Friday 20th March.** If a message is not received by this time, we will be unable to accommodate your child as staffing numbers will be based on the numbers responding. Your message also needs to state in which of the Key Worker categories you fall. **When dropping your child off on Monday 23rd March you will be asked to show ID to confirm who your employer is.**

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IF NO PROOF THAT YOU FALL UNDER ONE OF THESE KEY WORKER CATEGORIES CAN BE PROVIDED YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED INTO SCHOOL. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM IS NOT ABUSED.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DROP YOUR CHILD OFF AT HILLCREST ON MONDAY WITHOUT HAVING EMAILED office@hillcrest.norfolk.sch.uk BY 1PM ON FRIDAY 20th MARCH AND CONFIRMING IN THE EMAIL WHICH OF THE KEY WORKER CATEGORIES YOU FALL UNDER.

For these children, school will still operate between 8.55am and 3.30pm and a school meal of some description, whether it be hot or cold, will still be provided.

Please remember that the reason for the government implementing these mass closures is so that the children are socially isolated and kept away from other children and other adults. If the numbers in school are too large, this cannot happen. Your children should remain at home if this is feasibly possible, even if you feel your child is entitled to a place after everything you have read.

IF ALL ADULTS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD FALL UNDER THE KEY WORKER CATEGORIES, BUT DO NOT WORK EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK, YOU ARE ALSO NOT ENTITLED TO SEND YOUR CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL ON THE DAYS WHEN ONE OR MORE OF THOSE ADULTS ARE AT HOME

We wish all of our Hillcrest families well during this difficult time and look forward to seeing the children return as soon as it is safely possible to do so.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Try