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Dear Parent/Carers,

### **Childcare for Critical Worker Children**

You will be only too aware of the fast changing situation in which we are all living and working at the moment, as well as the amount of Government guidance and advice, some of which appears at times to present conflicting information.

The latest Department for Education guidance, published on Friday, includes the following clarification regarding Critical Workers:-

*'Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can'.*

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There is growing concern, locally and nationally, about the number of children who are currently attending school and the negative impact this could have on the drive to reduce the rate of Covid infection within their communities.

I ask that you consider the latest Government guidance with regards your own circumstances and only send your child to school at all if you have absolutely no alternative. We have a number of families already juggling home learning for children and parents working from home. In addition, if you work part-time or a shift pattern I ask that you send your child to school just when you are actually working, if you are able to – our flexible booking system allows for this and I think this is the approach that many of you are already taking.

Please let the school office know if you no longer require some or all of the sessions you have booked your child in for.

Please be assured that this letter is in no way a criticism of a Critical Worker who has sent, or continues to send, their child to school.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen Comfort', written over a white background.

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