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Dear Parents / Carers,

Reduced Provision for Critical Key Worker's Children

We would like to explain what will be happening with our Key Worker group when we start the phased reopening of our school.

Those children in the current group will continue to attend in the same way as they do at the moment. The provision will restart on 1st June at the same times (9:00-2:30, Mon-Fri) but enter via the **Boult Road gate** rather than Tavistock Road playground gate. Parents of children in this group should email as normal to let us know what days they will require for that week. The children have been prepared for some changes in the way the group do things. These changes are to help us maintain the infection control and social distancing guidelines when there are more children and staff on site. Please note that the children will only be able to bring in their scooters and bikes on a Friday due to playground sharing.

Parents of children who are in reception, year 1 or year 6 and are in this current group, should decide if they want their child to remain in the key worker group where provision is 5 days a week or if they want their child to return to their year group and be in a 'bubble' with their classmates (Mon-Thurs) only. Children will be unable to attend both groups (i.e. in the year group Mon-Thurs and key worker group on a Friday) as we cannot have children mixing in different groups.

If the key worker provision is no longer required, please email the usual email address (provision@....) by Tuesday next week to let us know whether your child is staying at home or coming back to their own year group.

If parents who are considered 'critical key workers' are returning to work in June and need their child to access this provision, you should email provision@millhouse.essex.sch.uk by Monday 1st June to request a place. Numbers are limited for this group as we have limited staff available to lead the group, therefore we will be prioritising places, starting with children of NHS workers. If needed, this group will start on Monday 8th June. Before applying for a place please think about these questions:

- Are you able to keep your child(ren) at home? If you are not at work, then the children are expected to be at home with you.
- Do you have a member of the household who is not a critical worker? If so, why are they not staying at home to look after the child(ren) as expected by the Government.
- Can you explain why **your role** is deemed **business critical** by your employer in the national response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency?

The government guidance on who qualifies as a critical key worker has not changed and can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Haken'.

Mrs J Haken
Deputy Headteacher

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