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Dear Parents & Carers

The Government has now published their guidelines for key workers who may qualify for care within a school setting because their parents are critical to the Covid-19 response and they cannot be safely cared for at home.

This service should only be used if it is impossible for children to be at home. The fewer children travelling to school, the fewer children in educational settings the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in the wider community. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

If you are sending your child to school, you should do this only on the days you cannot provide childcare at home. Schools are providing a skeleton service to meet this need as more staff develop symptoms, become confined to households that are in isolation or identify as one or more of the 'at risk' groups who should be working from home if at all possible. Teachers are also required to spend time planning and developing activities and resources that are supportive to home learning.

It is important to note that the provision your child will receive will not be like their normal schooling. It is likely to be in large, mixed-age groups and delivered by staff organised on a rota basis rather than a fixed timetable. Schools will not be delivering the national curriculum during this time, but a broadly educational provision. In many cases students will be following the same activities their teachers have planned for home-learning that are available online or have been sent home with students when schools closed on 20th March.

If your job is critical to the Covid-19 response, and you have no alternative childcare arrangements and wish to take up a place please contact the school on info@glossopdale.school and make sure you put the word emergency offer in the title. Any applications that do not meet the criteria cannot be accepted.

In the mail please confirm your name, your child's name, if there is no other adult family member who can support with childcare and your field of work. All offers of school places are subject to the capacity of the school and we may need to prioritise provision according to need should the number of staff available fall significantly. Please only use a place if you really need it, they are very valuable. In order for us to plan effectively for Tuesday onwards please let us know by Monday 23rd by 11.00am. From then on we will need to know by each Friday at 11.00am if you need your child to attend the following week.

Schools have also been asked to continue to provide care for a limited number of children who are vulnerable. If your child falls into this category, school will make contact with you to explain how we can continue to support you in this way.

Thank you for your patience and I will keep you informed of any developments as and when they happen. Please keep looking at the website also for further updates.



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We are doing our very best to support the national effort to combat this virus which includes designing and delivering provision which minimises unnecessary contact and supports our duty of care to our staff

Best wishes,

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¹ More detail is contained in this guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>