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Dear Parents

Critical 'Key' Workers: Childcare Provision 23rd March – 1st April

As Executive Headteacher of our Viking schools I am pleased and privileged our school leaders and their teams have been able to organise childcare provision for the children of 'critical key workers' in order for frontline services to continue at a time of national emergency.

The willingness of the staff teams at Chilton, RAPS & Upton to put aside their personal circumstances to provide this essential service for their local community fills me with great pride.

It is paramount our childcare provision reaches those whose would otherwise not be able to attend their 'critical frontline' work.

To this end we must ask for evidence from your employer to confirm this.

Otherwise, we ask families to follow the guidance given by the government which states:

If workers think they fall within the critical 'key workers' category, they should confirm with their employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, their specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.**

Further information can be found by the link below:

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

I ask for you to share the necessary information with your child's school on Monday.

Thank you.

Best wishes

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