



# Worthington Primary School

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

### **School Update 3 – Evening**

It is important to note that, in order to comply with the government's objective of minimising the number of pupils in schools to limit the spread of infection, direct teaching in school cannot be extended to the children of non-key workers or to non-vulnerable pupils. We therefore need parents of children in the key positions listed below (if there are two parents at home, then both need to be key workers for their child to come to school from Monday) to inform our school office by 3.30 pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March of their intention to bring their child/ren to school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. In addition, we will need to see proof that you (potentially both) do meet the criteria listed above (e.g. wage slip, letter head, staff badge, etc.)

Following the government's press conference this evening, I still do not have the official list of Key Workers to enable you to see if you fulfil one of these roles and therefore know whether your child can attend school from Monday onwards. However, I do have to organise the school with a rapidly decreasing workforce and some uncertainty going forward. Although it is not my place to do so, I do apologise to leave you with this decision without any governmental advice.

So, trying to best-guess the government and using a list that has been printed in the press this morning (which may be wrong), would you please see if your job is listed below:

- Clinical National Health Service staff
- Police officers
- Prison officers
- Firefighters
- Supermarket delivery drivers
- Those caring for elderly and vulnerable people
- Care home workers
- Armed forces
- School workers

If your role is on the list please see the following paragraphs.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan, and/or has an assigned Social Worker, your child can attend school next week. We already have a list of these children, but we do need to know if you intend for your child to attend next week.

I must insist that you do not register with our school office unless you fulfil the stated criteria.

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, children will enter and exit school via the main entrance hall so that staff can register them against our known list of registered attendees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Searle', written in a cursive style.

Mr Searle