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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have managed to come into school today to pick up your child/ren's books. The staggered times throughout the day were to help with social distancing. If you were unable to pick up books yesterday, then do call into school to collect them. Please let us know when you are arriving and remember to wear a face covering.

We are continuing to minimise all contacts, as much as we can. Unfortunately, if your child attends the Key Worker Bubble, we are not able to send any Maths No Problem work books home. This is because we need the books in school and we want to avoid books going to and from school to home.

If your child is attending the Key Worker Bubble then we will keep the books in school.

**Key worker Bubble Registration.**

In line with the recently published government guidance around the National Lockdown, we have closed the school to all children except for those who are in the nursery, children who are vulnerable and children who have parents who are key workers.

**Key workers**

**We are prioritising places for those children where both parents are key workers, and are not able to work from home during the school day.**

This should only be applied for where there is no safe alternative, **and only when absolutely necessary.**

I must emphasise that being a key worker does **not** entitle you to have a place for your child in the Key Worker Bubble. Your child should only come into school where it is absolutely essential and there are no other options to look after your child safely throughout the day.

Vulnerable children: Children with EHCP are strongly advised to attend school.



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We are asking that you book places in the Key Worker Bubble (KWB) at least the week before so that we can organise staffing and teaching arrangements. The time for booking places will close on a Thursdays at 1pm. Places will be allocated based on need and the capacity of the school, and confirmation given by email. You should only send your child to school if confirmation is received. If you are unsure then please get in touch with the school office. (01757 268368)

I'm sure that you are aware that the current situation is different to the previous lockdown in March last year. This is because the new strain of the virus seems to spread more easily and quickly and there is a rising number of cases. We also know that there are cases where children have tested positive without displaying any symptoms or may have had very mild symptoms. In the past we have been very fortunate that staff have been able to support the children in the Key Worker Bubble. We will endeavor to keep the Key Worker Bubble open for as long as we are able but in the current situation and as things currently stand, I cannot guarantee that we will be able to offer places at school. We are just about at capacity this week but there may be a reported case in school which would mean that some or all of the children and staff have to self- isolate. A worst case scenario is that staff and/or pupils will catch the virus and have to take a period of time away from school. We don't know what is going to happen but I would strongly urge you to think carefully about the following points:

1. Have a plan B in case the Key Worker Bubble (KWB) has to close.
2. Only use the Key Worker Bubble (KWB) if you really have to. If you, your partner, husband or wife is at home then your child should be at home and not in school.
3. Does your child really have to attend the Key Worker Bubble or can I make safer alternative arrangements?
4. If your child does attend who is picking them up? - Please avoid contact with other families and friends and grandparents who may be vulnerable to the infection.
5. Avoid contact with other groups. Children should attend just one group and avoid mixing and contact with other groups and other children. Your child should only attend another group as a last resort and only when it is absolutely necessary. This is because when your child attends a second group the risk of infection spreading to other children and family members is greatly increased. We must minimise and avoid contact as much as possible. If the Key Worker Bubble has to close, then we can no longer support the front line NHS workers who are essential for helping those who may become ill and for safeguarding lives.

To help with this, we are splitting the Key Worker Bubble into smaller group Bubbles. At the moment we have an excellent staff team who can support the following Bubble structure.

- Nursery
- Reception and Year 1 and Year 2
- Year 3 and Year 4
- Year 5 and Year 6



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These 4 smaller Bubbles will meet in 4 different locations/classes in school. We also currently have the capacity to deliver on line learning for the children in all year groups from Reception to year 6. I must emphasise that I cannot guarantee that we will be able to continue to provide the 4 smaller Key Worker Bubbles and the online learning. We will endeavor to do as much as we can but should staff have to self-isolate or become unwell, then we will have to make significant changes that could close some or all of the Key Worker Bubbles (KWB).

For this reason, it is essential that we are able to prioritise places for NHS staff and Key Front line workers.

In order to qualify for a place in the Key Worker Bubble next week we require some information about your status as a key worker. If we do not receive the information or we are not satisfied by the information we receive, we will not be able to allocate places in school.

Please complete the following questions and email your responses to the school admin email address. [admin@cawood.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cawood.n-yorks.sch.uk)

**Please provide evidence of your key worker status. This can be a clear employee identification badge or a letter from your employer.**

\*Required

What is your child's name? \*

Your answer

Which class is your child in? \*

Please circle or highlight a number

Please give your name (parent) \*

Your answer

Are either parent classed as a key worker? \* (Please circle or highlight)

- Yes – both
- Yes - one (single parent family)
- Yes - one (wish to be considered based on exceptional family circumstances)
- No



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If you have indicated yes to key worker status, please select the critical worker category

<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>

(Please circle or highlight from the list below)

Health and Social care

Education and Childcare

Key Public Services

Local and National Government

Food and Necessary Goods

Public Safety and National Security

Transport

Utilities, Communications and Financial

Please give a description of parent 1's critical role including employer name \*

Your answer

Please give a description of parent 2's critical role including employer name (state NA for single parent, or if asking for consideration based on exceptional circumstances, please detail here) \*

Your answer

Is your child classed as a vulnerable child? \*

(Please circle or highlight from the list below)

Yes – EHCP



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Yes - Child Protection Plan

Yes - Child In Need

Yes - Looked After Child

Other - invited by school directly

No

Dates required for week beginning 18.1.21 Check all that apply. \*

Week beginning 18.1.21	Monday 18/01/21	Tuesday 19/01/21	Wednesday 20/01/21	Thursday 21/01/21	Friday 22/01/21
AM					
PM					

Please check the following statements before submitting. The first 3 are required for an application based on key worker status. Only the final box is applicable for vulnerability criteria. \* (Please place a tick or a cross in the boxes)

I can confirm that there is no safe alternative to my child attending school	
I can confirm that no parent, or other responsible adult is working/studying from home	
I have sent evidence of the key worker status for both parents (ID card or employer letter) to <a href="mailto:admin@cawood.n-yorks.sch.uk">admin@cawood.n-yorks.sch.uk</a>	
I am applying on vulnerability criteria	

I hope that you appreciate the need for the school to have this information. Please forward a letter from your employer as evidence of your status as a Key Worker and check the booking form carefully before it is submitted.

Thank you for your support in these difficult times.

Very best wishes.

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