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Dear Parents,

Planned Phased Reopening of School

As you are aware we are currently putting plans in place for a phased reopening of school. The government guidance stated that this should be from Monday 1st June for the children of keyworkers, reception, year 1 and year 6.

At this present time we do not have a start date to be able to share with you for the children in years 6, 1 and reception as the planning and implementation of this is highly dependent on the number of keyworker children we have, the outcomes of our risk assessments and our confidence in the plans drawn up to minimise the spread of Covid19. All of these issues need to be addressed before we can welcome your children back in.

Due to the immense task that is ahead of us in disseminating risk assessments and procedures to staff and preparing the school building, we are **not** going to be open to any children on Monday 1st June. In the same way that supermarkets had to adapt, and many closed for a day or so for this, we too need time to prepare. We know that this may inconvenience keyworkers, but it is imperative that we ensure all staff have the knowledge and understanding of the new routines and processes, and manning childcare provision would take members of our team away from this.

We have provided care for the children of keyworkers every week since school closure on 20th March. This has been in conjunction with Cropwell Bishop School but will move back to Langar after half term week. In line with government guidance this group will be in a bubble of a maximum of 15 children and will not have contact with other bubbles of children at any point during the day, they will have an allocated area to use (the hall, playground, MUGA and field) and will have limited adults coming into contact with them on a three weekly rota. Unlike our year group provision which will need to be closed on Friday for PPA and cleaning, in order to cater for the needs of parents returning to work childcare will be available five days a week. This does mean that, in order for children to not cross contaminate other bubbles, if your child needs care five days a week and joins the childcare bubble this is where they will remain for the rest of the week, regardless of their year group. Childcare hours will run between 8.30am and 4.00pm. This provision will be staffed by; Week A - Mr Hall and Mr Zsaruk-Gibson, Week B - Mr Hall and Mrs Mills, Week C - Mr Hall and Mrs Nicholson.

The definition of critical workers remains unchanged but we know that more of you, especially those of you working in schools and childcare settings are going to be back in your place of work.

Please read the Government stance on childcare for keyworkers:

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined below. Many parents working in these sectors may be able to look after their child at home, but attendance is strongly encouraged.

Please, therefore, also follow these key principles:

If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.

Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.

Parents must do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially outside of school. They must observe the same social distancing principles as adults, as far as possible.

Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors listed below, then your children will be prioritised for education provision and are strongly encouraged to attend.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes: childcare

support and teaching staff

social workers

specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes: those essential to the running of the justice system

religious staff

charities and workers delivering key frontline services

those responsible for the management of the deceased

journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes: those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response

or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food: production

processing

distribution

sale and delivery

as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes: police and support staff

Ministry of Defence civilians

contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 outbreak)

fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)

National Crime Agency staff

those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes: staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)

the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)

information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response

key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)

postal services and delivery

payments providers

waste disposal sectors

If your school is closed, then please contact your local authority, who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child, or children, can attend.

Your response for the request for childcare is vital in order for us to secure the planning for the return of other year groups. Please bear in mind that with limited room and limited staff, should the request for childcare be overwhelming and exceed 50 children, we will not be able to accommodate the year groups that we had planned.

If you are going to require childcare provision for your children from Tuesday 2nd June, please make this known by sending an email and returning the form below to head@langar.notts.sch.uk as soon as possible and by the end of Monday 25th May 2020. I will then compile responses on Tuesday 26th and let you know further details about the phased reopening once this is in place.

Thank you, as ever, for the support and kindness you have shown during this time. I regret any delay in getting your children back into school as we miss them very much, but hope that you appreciate that ensuring that they will be safe is our top priority.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brown

Critical Worker Application Form

The government has released guidance which defines those occupations that are 'critical workers' during this crisis.

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

If you qualify and wish to access this offer, please fill in the questionnaire and return it to head@langar.notts.sch.uk

My occupation is listed below:

- NHS staff
- Teachers and support staff
- Police and community support officers
- Prison officers and staff
- Probation officers and trainee probation officers
- LA officers and LA/NHS social workers
- Uniformed staff in fire and rescue service
- Armed forces personnel and some civilian MOD personnel (ie clinical staff, MOD police, uniformed fire and defence) and some discharge personnel
- Highway agency traffic staff
- LA environmental health officers / practitioners
- Care workers
- Food/supermarket drivers and other workers

Application Form

Please answer all of the questions in full:

1. What is your name and the name of you child/ren			
2. What is your job title?			
3. Please indicate the critical worker category that matches your role			
4. Please provide the name and contact details (email and telephone number) of your line manager.			
5. How many hours per week are you employed in the critical worker role?			
6. What is your shift pattern?	Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday - Friday -		
8. What is your partner's occupation (please state 'none' if they are unemployed).			
10. Please specify which of the sessions you will need to access.		Morning	Afternoon
	Monday		
	Tuesday		
	Wednesday		
	Thursday		
	Friday		