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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re. Critical workers on-site provision during the restricted access period (5th to 15th January 2021)

As our School is in an area with exceptional rates of incidence/transmission of the Covid19 virus, from Tuesday 5th to Friday 15th January, access to on-site education is restricted to children of critical workers and vulnerable children.

If you are a critical worker, and you wish your child to attend School during the restricted access period, you MUST inform the School by, 10am Monday 4th January. This notice must be emailed to: keyworker@coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk.

Please include in your email the following:

- Name of your child and year group
- Name of parent who is the critical worker and the type of work (please read the below guidance from the Government, defining the critical worker list).
- To minimise food wastage – if you can, please let us know if you intend to provide your child with a packed lunch, or if you will be using the School prepared picnic menu. This menu can be found on our website: <https://www.coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk/parents-pupils/school-meals>

By sending your request for access to the keyworker@coopersaletheydongarnon.essex.sch.uk email address, you will receive a response directly from a School leader, to confirm your child's access. We do not recommend that you send your request to our usual admin email or School telephone number, as these are not being manned until Monday morning.

To help our critical worker parents make a decision, I can confirm the following already:

- On-site provision will follow the same staggered drop-off and pick up times as the Autumn term.
- Our wrap around childcare provider, Shine Clubs, **will not** be available for breakfast or after school club provision.

Without knowing on-site pupil numbers, I cannot confirm before you apply:

- The staff member that is teaching your child (this most likely **will not** be your child's class teacher as they will be concentrating on remote learning for the majority of their pupils).
- The classroom setting your child will be based (this will **most likely not** be their usual classroom)

A reminder, on Monday 4th, School staff will be contacting directly our vulnerable children's parents – to discuss on-site provision from Tuesday 5th January. The vulnerable children category is defined by Government guidelines and School leaders and is not at the request of a parent.

Kind Regards,
Mr Dale Bateman
Headteacher

The following information, defining the Critical Worker list, has been taken from the below online document, published by DfE. <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

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

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 coronavirus (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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arm's 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- 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 and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure 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 coronavirus (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