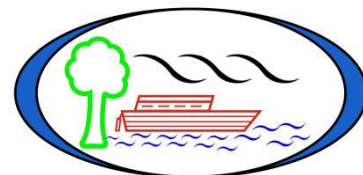


# Oldfield Brow Primary School

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19th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Overnight we were sent the definition of 'key worker' and a list of this can be found below. I would like to share with you the key points that the government have made in regard to key workers:

"Many parents working in these critical sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. **Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.** This is an offer to parents and carers and there is no requirement for parents and carers to send their children to school if they do not need or do not wish."

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

It has also been made clear that if one parent is defined as a key worker then that family is eligible for 'reduced provision'. Although we would want to provide a place for each eligible child, it is also clear that the government does not want schools to become overloaded with children and therefore we have been told we must prioritise in such an eventuality.

If this does occur then priority will be given to vulnerable children or children with **both** parents who are key workers who cannot arrange suitable care. Requests from other parents may therefore be turned down. In such a case, we hope that you will respect our decision. We are all working in the national interest in demanding circumstances.

Based on the information we receive from parents, we will aim to confirm a place for a child for next week by 6.00pm today.

**UNLESS YOU RECEIVE AN OFFER OF A PLACE, PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.**

You must complete the Key Worker Application Form here [https://oldfield-brow.com/key\\_workers](https://oldfield-brow.com/key_workers) if you haven't already done so in order to apply for a place at our childcare setting. **If you have previously phoned us – we still need the form completing please.**

If we have not received a request from you by 1:00pm today (20th March), we will not be able to consider your request for next week. Evidence of eligibility may be requested at a later date and a link will be sent to you to specify days needed for the following week.

We are doing the best we can to look after the welfare of your children. We are doing the best to look after the welfare of our staff and their families too.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr R. Merrell and all the staff at Oldfield Brow Primary School

