



**Weston CofE (VC) Primary & Nursery
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Dear parent or carer

As you know, the school is only open now to children who have a parent who matches the Government definition of critical worker and to those children who match the Government definition of vulnerable children.

In my letter sent to you on Monday evening, I asked that you let us know as soon as possible if you would like to request a place at school for your child/children, because you believe that you match the definition of critical worker. I would like to thank those parents who have done this. Our thanks also to these people for sending us proof of their critical worker status and to those parents who have informed us that they will be able to keep their children at home, despite their status as critical workers.

The deadline for any further requests for a place due to critical worker status is midnight tonight (requests must be emailed to admin@weston.herts.sch.uk).

Even if you are a Critical Worker, you do not have to send your child to school, and I would ask you to think about the following:

- The safest place for your child to be is at home. We will continue to operate a range of safety measures at school to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus, but we cannot completely eliminate that risk.
- We are currently actually struggling to find ways to fit in all the children whose parents have critical worker status and who have requested a place at school.

Please also note that, if you wish your child to attend school they will be expected to attend full-time, Monday to Friday.

The school has already contacted all families whose children match the government definition of vulnerable children, to discuss possible attendance at school.

At the moment, we are operating four "mini-classes" of children here at school which means that we only have Mrs Gooderson, Mrs Hills and Mrs Penny out of class and able to spend time working on the home learning. Please bear with us as we get this fully up and running. A further letter will follow shortly with information about how this will work (including Google Classroom, collection of printed packs etc.)

Regards,

G. Holmes
Head Teacher