



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Update of Critical Worker Pupils

I am writing to you with regards to our student body and any pupils that may be considered 'Critical Worker Pupils', that is children of critical workers. Whilst Spalding Parish currently remains open to all pupils, this may change in the coming days or weeks, either for individual classes, Year Groups or wider. As such it is important that we are in a position to promptly respond to the needs of our critical workers, who are key to supporting the current national effort in beating the pandemic, hence the need to update the information we currently hold.

I do appreciate that there will be a number of families who have already gone through this process earlier in the year, however we also know that circumstances have since changed for many families. We also need to ensure that the information we hold in school is current so it is essential that any parent who feels their child may be eligible for a critical worker place complete the questionnaire as soon as possible. Completion however does not confirm or secure a place should restricted provision be necessary. Details re whether your employment is considered to be critical can be found here:

<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 are a critical worker, I would ask that you carefully consider whether you do have an essential need for your child to remain in school should we only be able to offer restricted provision at any time in the coming weeks. If home-learning is possible for your child it will help contribute to drive cases down in our community, within restricted provision, keeping children at home is the safest option: safest for them and for our staff. Children in these groups will also undertake the same remote learning as the children who are at home. Please reflect carefully if it is essential to send your child into school when completing the questionnaire which can be accessed here (translated versions are also accessible):

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7nr1bvVZgU-zhewTps8MxK50JIWtNZ5Mm-BzMrzc6uLUNkJBRUpZTUIQNfdTNUJrQjVHNTZGTFpVVCl+u>.

Thank you for your continued support, and to all our critical workers for the part they play in helping save lives and preventing the spread of this virus.

Kind Regards,
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