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Dear Parents and Carers

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Following my letter on Thursday, thank you to the Critical Worker parents and carers who have already amended the days your child attends school due to part time work pattern or due to there being a parent at home to supervise Remote Learning; this is very much appreciated as we need to keep numbers within school as low as possible during this National Lockdown due to the pandemic.

On Friday 11 January the DfE amended its guidance to school leaders on the children of critical workers who can attend school, as below:

Schools should remain open to vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a [critical worker](#) can go to school if required. This includes parents who may be working from home.

The guidance sets out that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can.

Therefore, where as a family you can keep your child/ren at home you **should do so** (i.e. partner on furlough, one parent does not work, shift patterns, part time hours, annual leave etc): where it is impossible for that to happen, a place in critical worker provision will be made available on those days for which it is a necessity.

It is important to work together for the safety of our children and staff in school and our wider community; if you do not need a school space for your child every day or at all, as there is a parent at home to supervise, please do not send your child into school as to limit the risk to themselves, other children and staff of contracting COVID-19.

We ask for your support with this important matter. Please email the office@staugustine.medway.sch.uk to inform us of any changing circumstances regarding the need for your child's place and if it is still needed, the days you require the facility as a Critical Worker.

Please be mindful that the facility is intended to be used by parents who are involved in critical occupations that are central to the Covid-19 national efforts as per the list of critical workers above.

Thank you for your support.

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