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Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you all for your support and understanding to date. We are very aware that parents are making all kinds of sacrifices right now in order to contain the spread of this virus. We also know some of you are on the front lines keeping our country running – working in hospitals, deploying to affected areas etc. Our thoughts, and my prayers, are with those of you who are in vulnerable situations.

As mentioned previously, we are following government guidance and checking all key worker status for pupils currently in school / planning to return.

If your child has been in school today, and /or you are intending to send them in tomorrow, **please can you send evidence of you and/or your spouse's status as a critical worker** either digitally (to [headteacher@leeming-raf.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@leeming-raf.n-yorks.sch.uk)) or via paper copy tomorrow morning (if you have not already done so).

For service personnel:

- This will be the official letter from your chain of command stating that you are critical to the COVID-19 response.
- If you have not received this, please provide alternative evidence from your line manager that you are critical to the COVID-19 response and are unable to work from home.
  - o N.B. This will be cross referenced against the list being provided by the military directly to the school.

For non-service personnel:

- Please provide a letter from your employer stating that your role is critical to the COVID-19 response.

For both service and non-service personnel:

- Please provide additional details to demonstrate why no other childcare options are available if you or your spouse/partner are critical workers. This may include:
  - o Spouse deployed/ away
  - o Spouse also a critical worker (evidence required as above)
  - o Spouse unable to provide childcare due to health / physical

The above is in line with the current directive from the Local Authority:

"If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

1. Keyworkers must only send children to school when they are actually on rota working for the employer, not at other times.
2. Keyworkers should not send them to school if their partner, or similar, is able to look after them.
3. There is an expectation that if keyworkers are working from home the default should be to keep children there, rather than send them to school."

As per point 1 above, please collect your children early where possible (i.e. when your hours have finished) or drop them off only when you are needed for work (unless you start before 10am, in which case just bring them at normal time). Please only bring your children into school on the days in which you are in work.

With best regards,

Rob Campbell