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Dear Parents and Carers

**Provision for Key Workers and Vulnerable Children**

The school will be open on Monday to provide child care for essential key workers and vulnerable children. Staff will be on site to provide the child care from 9am until 3.15pm each day, Monday to Friday.

If your child has a social worker, we will be contacting you directly to encourage you to take up a place here. If your child has an Education Health Care Plan you also have a place and we will contact you to confirm this. If you can keep your child at home you should do so. Do not rely on childcare from those who are particularly vulnerable such as the over 70s and those with underlying conditions.

Parents should do all they can to ensure that children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue the spread of the virus

It is essential that your child stays at home where possible. The closure of schools is in response to a disease that thrives on social contact.

Key workers are those who work in the following sectors:

- **Health and social care;** doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers and other frontline health and social care staff; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector, its supply chain and distributors of medicine and medical equipment
- **Education and childcare;** nursery and teaching staff, social workers and specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response
- **Key public services;** essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting
- **Local and national government;** this only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits
- **Food and other necessary goods;** those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (e.g. hygienic and veterinary medicines)
- **Public safety and national security;** police and support staff, MoD civilians, contractors and armed forces personnel, fire and rescue services employees, National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff
- **Transport;** those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passengers and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response



- **Utilities, communication and financial services:** staff needed for essential financial services provision, the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors

To secure child care for next week, please email us at [office@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@billingshurstprimary.org.uk) with the following information. Please put KEYWORKER REQUEST as the title of the email.

- Your name
- Your keyworker role
- Names of children requiring care (must be children at the school)
- Days of the week care is required
- Please also attach to the email a photo of your professional ID badge –

Places cannot be offered to other children. The aim of this school closure directive is to reduce social interaction and slow the spread of COVID-19. Currently we are offering places to families with one keyworker.

**Please respond today by 4pm to enable us to plan for next week.**

Please contact us if you have any questions but, please, do not contact us to request a place if you are not a key worker. We will help you if you are unsure if your role is essential if you are unsure.

Yours sincerely

Helen Williamson  
Headteacher