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Dear Parent/Carer

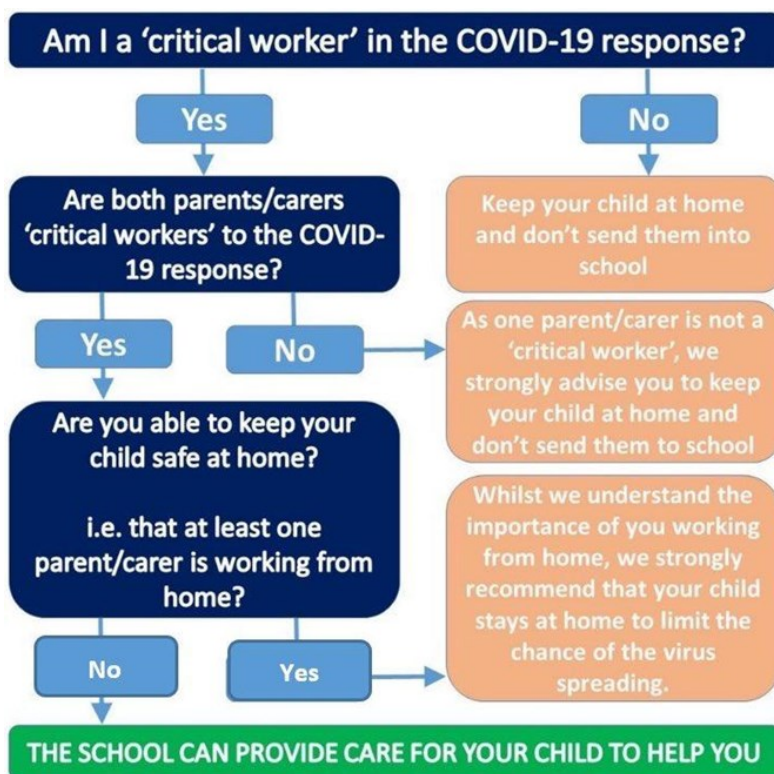
Key Worker Provision

At the Spire Federation we are working very hard to provide provision to our critical workers. The government advises that social distancing is the priority and that schools should only be providing child care for those key workers whose role is critical to keeping the country running and safe. The Spire Federation is not staying open to provide childcare so that all members in the family are able to keep working, it is to ensure that those key workers are able to provide a vital service.

The government have made very clear that children should only be in school as an absolute last resort therefore it is essential that you only send your child(ren) in if you have no other option.

The more children in school, the greater the risk to the other children and to the staff who are in school. This also means that we are more likely to get to a position where school is closed to all children.

Please **do not** send your child(ren) if one parent/carer can stay at home or work at home.



Whilst we appreciate that many of you who have booked the service really do need it and are relying on us, for some we would urge you to find all possible alternatives. For those of you in split families, please do talk to your ex-partners and discuss how you can provide a safer environment away from school.

I hope that the tone of this letter does not upset anyone, however it is really vital that we are able to continue to offer an emergency service to members of our Spire Federation family. Please support us in keeping demand to an absolute minimum and play your part in keeping our community safe.

If you are able to reduce the number of times your child **needs** to be in school or remove the need to be in school altogether, we would appreciate you could let us know. We have attached a booking form which can be returned to enquiries@north-cockerington.lincs.sch.uk looking at bookings for the next few weeks. Whilst we appreciate that some keyworkers shift patterns are constantly changing, completion of the form will enable us to ensure appropriate staffing. If you would like to make any changes, please ensure that we have at least 24 hours' notice to make all arrangements.

In school, we will be practicing social distancing so please can you support us by:

- Talking to your child(ren) about coronavirus (COVID-19), social distancing and hand-washing.
- Follow [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#).
- Do not gather at entrances or in playgrounds, and model social distancing so that your children learn good practice.

Thank you for your support; it is only by all of us making uncomfortable compromises to our everyday lives that we stand any chance of getting through this difficult time. The less children in school, the shorter the period of school closures will be.

Kind regards



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