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Dear Parents and Carers,

May I take this opportunity to again wish a Happy New Year to you all. We are so proud of how the children have returned after the Christmas break, eager to continue their learning. As a school, we recognise that many parents have concerns relating to going into Tier 4 and the more virulent strain of Covid 19 and we welcome regular communication from all parents/carers.

Our demographic has a huge number of key workers. Over the last 9 months, COVID guidance has evolved and personal circumstances of many have changed. In preparation for any future changes in restrictions, we wish to update our current list of key workers. The key worker list on the government website has been updated 31st December as follows:

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- 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 coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery

• as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport and border

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including severage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

It is an extensive list. **Please could you e-mail the office<u>remotelearning_glazebury@ldst.org.uk</u> by Friday 8th January 2021, if you consider you are eligible as a Key Worker., with your name, child's class and occupation. This will allow school to forward plan regarding staffing to support both face-to-face and remote learning more accurately.**

In addition to this, even if you are not on the key worker list, please can you indicate on

<u>remotelearning.glazebury@ldst.org.uk</u> if you DO NOT have laptop/tablet/computer, smart phone available to support home learning, as we have a small number of devices that we may be able to arrange to be loaned in relation to those with most pressing need.

Please be assured that if changes to restrictions occur, school is fully committed to remote learning, and progression of all children. School will provide both paper based, and online activities supported through our Class Dojo system.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that if anyone has symptoms, please notify Public Health England via 111 and school, so that relevant protocols can be put into place in terms of manging contacts, be assured we have contingency plans for learning in place please see website.

We are hugely grateful for the care, collaboration and perseverance of all in our school community, despite the current uncertainty.

Kind Regards

Karen Mowbray **Head Teacher**