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Dear Parents and Carers

Please see below a letter from East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

'Following the Prime Minister's announcement last Monday that schools should only open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers, we are now writing to ask for your support.

All East Riding schools responded swiftly to the Prime Minister's call for a national lockdown by making arrangements for children to be able to continue to receive a quality education at home.

The purpose of the measures announced by the Prime Minister on Monday is to limit pupil's attendance in school to reduce the number of contacts people have and therefore reduce the intense pressure on the NHS.

You will have seen on the news that nationally the demand for school places is high. This picture is the same throughout the East Riding.

The government issued guidance to all schools saying that whilst vulnerable children and the children of critical workers only should attend school, schools should keep their group sizes small and that all other pupils should not attend school but learn remotely.

As a result of the demand for school places and the need to work as a county, and a nation, to drive down the transmission of this virus schools are in a position where they now need to review the numbers of pupils for whom they are able to offer a face-to-face school place. We would ask you only request a school place for your child if you are a critical worker in an occupation that is linked to the coronavirus (COVID-19) or EU transition response. **The government has asked parents and carers who are critical workers to keep their children at home if they can.**

Government guidance states that a critical worker is one whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. The list of occupations which may be critical worker occupations are included in *Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings – 5th January 2021*. This is available on the government website.

The East Riding of Yorkshire, whilst seeing increased cases of coronavirus (COVID-19), has not yet seen the high rates that have been seen in other parts of the country. This is due to the effort and commitment of our residents to protect all members of our community and work together to stay safe.

We would like to thank you for your continued support.'



East Riding are advising us also to ask parents to send us a letter from your employer that clarifies that you are a critical worker linked to the Covid-19 response or the EU transition as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

