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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Key Worker Information Required

In order to slow the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

School will be open for vulnerable pupils and those where a parent's work is critical to the COVID-19 response. A list of key work sectors have been outlined by the DfE which can be found using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Government advice states that many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home and every child who can be safely cared for at home should be. Therefore, if a parent is in the key worker group but can arrange safe childcare, other than school, they should do this. This is to ensure that we protect those workers who are in critical roles (school staff) from infection as far as possible.

If you believe you are a key worker, in one of the identified sectors outlined by the DfE, could you please complete the attached 'Key Worker' information sheet and email this back to school as a priority. Our school email is:

seahamstmary@durhamlearning.net

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Your sincerely,

Mr. L. J. Duncan (Headteacher)

