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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Update January 2021

As you will have heard on the news, the pandemic is reaching another National crisis. Schools have been closed and the most recent scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 and new variant of the virus is clear: **if children can stay safely at home they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.**

That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible and asked schools to CLOSE and to remain open ONLY for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors previously outlined by the government. **Many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Glapton will be open from **Wednesday 6 January 2021** to maintain provision for critical workers only during these continued unprecedented times.

If your circumstances have changed since the previous lockdown, or you have joined our school since the start of the autumn term and believe you may be eligible for a key worker place, please complete our online questionnaire by **3pm today** if you wish to apply for critical worker childcare provision. Click this link to access and complete the questionnaire:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HCBDF7GB0EOqWbJW_OwBUanHQSakeEhAsDSI1DyLH_BUOERDSzkxUUJPN05JR05DOTE5VVBFTFY5OC4u

Please remember that the government are clear that if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors **and you cannot keep your child safe at home** then your children will be prioritised for education provision. Please be aware that provision will be primarily providing care, although children will be able to access their remote learning during this time. Once your application is received and processed you will be contacted and asked to provide appropriate evidence if you have not done so already.

Yours sincerely

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