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RE: Critical Workers coming into school

Dear Parents,

We are now just over one week on from the Government's announcement that Primary Schools across England will close for *most* pupils and that schools should be offering a place for Critical Workers.

Our numbers compared to the previous lockdown have **increased significantly and are now consistently over 130 a day (over a third of the school)**. The Government have been analysing the numbers and have, last Friday, released new guidance around sending your child into school.

*'Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents should keep their children at home if they can.**'*

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

The wording '**...but parents should keep their children at home if they can**' is a very important part of the new guidance and therefore I am asking that you look carefully at your home situation and **only send your child into school if there is no-one else at home**.

Accessing quality Home Learning

- The main reason for holding back with this letter until now is that you can now see the quality of our Remote Home Learning this time round. The children in school are receiving the same lessons as the children at home so there is no disadvantage for those at home.
- If you have issues with devices or technical needs we are solving these on an individual basis please email itsupport@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk with your queries.

Once again, if you are able to keep your child(ren) at home then please get in touch via email admin@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk or phone the school between 9am and 3pm – 01242 690016.

Thanks for your continued support and as always do take care,

Mr. Mills - Head Teacher