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RE: Critical Worker Request – Y2 Parents

Dear Parents,

As we know, the Government will not be fully opening schools until 8th March at the earliest. With this in mind I must now draw your attention to the growing number of Critical Workers in Year 2.

Unfortunately, since my last later dated 13th January, the Critical Worker numbers have increased week on week in Year 2. I am fully aware that 'shift patterns' change and that we have a duty to provide spaces for Critical Workers but I also have a duty to protect my staff, other children and their families.

Next week we will be seeing numbers up to 30, with Wednesday's, Thursday's being particularly high. In order to make this now as safe as possible we will be forced split our Year 2 Critical Worker classes up into two classes **and therefore our current remote learning offer may need to change as staffing levels in Year 2 are at full capacity**. This is something I do not want to do as the delivery of teaching from my staff and our current offer is of a very high standard.

I would ask that if you have an adult at home, then your child stays at home as the remote lessons have exactly the same content as those in school. I am aware that home-schooling is hard but I urge you to try and help us out, particularly on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Government Guidance is clear: *'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.'*

- If you are able to help us out and can keep your child at home then please email admin@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk asap.
- If you require technical support or a device then please email itsupport@swindonvillage.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support and for your understanding and co-operation in such difficult times.

Mr. Mills – Head Teacher