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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your patience today whilst we have collated the list of keyworkers in preparation for next week and beyond. It has not been an easy task but Janine and Bev in the office have done a sterling job gathering details from all the parents who informed us that they could potentially be in a profession which fits the key worker category, as defined by the government guidance.

Following our analysis we are now in a position to confirm the keyworkers who are eligible to bring their children into school following the closure today if they need to because there is no alternative option. They will be contacted via text message. If you have not received a text message by 6pm, then please presume that you have not met the criteria we have applied.

As per the recommendation it is advised that the best option is for children to stay at home if there is capacity for another adult to look after them. This is for their safety. The school closure is to increase social distancing thus slowing the virus down. We hope that you can appreciate we have had to consider this when making our decisions as we need to protect the staff who will be in school and also the children of the keyworkers. We hope you respect the hard decisions we have made.

We would also like to reassure keyworkers that we will have a flexible approach to the children attending as we appreciate you may be changing rotas and called upon to do additional shifts. We will work in partnership to ensure your needs are met as fully as possible.

We have made the decision to keep Newchurch Robins running for the keyworkers who normally use the service and payment will run following the procedures already in place. For keyworkers' children who will attend school in the 'normal' school day, please bring the children in through the front entrance and sign them in. Children do not need to wear their school uniform but will need the packs they were sent home with today. School meals will be paid for in the normal way via ParentPay. If the child is eligible for Free School Meals or in KS1, as is currently the way, they will not need to pay for their lunch.

For those children who are currently on Free School Meals, we have just received information on how to set up a voucher system which you can use in the local supermarkets. Communication regarding this will be sent out to you on Monday when we have worked out how this looks like in practice.

With the warmest of wishes,

Mrs Jayne Narraway (Headteacher)



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