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Dear Parents/Carers

Letter from Pioneer Academies Community Trust

RE: Access Provision for Vulnerable Children and the Children of Key Workers

Please be aware that we are operating on a much-reduced capacity and it is essential that parents respect the points outlined in the DfE guidance. We currently have staff absent due to self-isolation because:

- Either they, or one of their immediate family is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19
- They are pregnant
- They have an underlying health issue.

The service we are providing is to ensure that vulnerable children are supported, and so that parents who are key workers can attend work to undertake their job and help us all through this challenging period. We ask that you follow the government guidelines very closely. This will ensure the well-being of the staff and children who are still attending our school. **Please do not abuse this situation!**

We ask that you **do not** send your child if:

- You are not a key worker
- Your child is not deemed as vulnerable.

If you have checked the government guidelines and you meet the criteria as a key worker, or your son/daughter is a vulnerable child we ask that you **do not** send your child if:

- They, or a family member are exhibiting the symptoms of COVID-19
- You can support them at home.

Many parents who are working from home, or who have only one parent who is a key worker are deciding to keep their children with them. Reducing the number of children in school reduces the risk to others of contracting the virus. Our aim is to maintain the provision offered to support those who really need it! This provision is essential but can only operate with staff who do not have to self-isolate. Please respect that if staffing is reduced, we will struggle to maintain a school-based provision.

Much planning has gone into providing this provision. You will find on our school website a business continuity plan. This outlines some of the organisational aspects of how we are going to operate our provision.

If we all do as we are asked, and respect the clear guidance offered by the government, we can reduce the spread and impact of the COVID-19 virus.

Yours sincerely

Ms R Ward
Headteacher

