

# Critical worker information

Dear Parents

Regarding Critical Workers

Some of you might be aware that guidance for critical workers changed late on Friday night so I felt it was important to email you today to alert you to this change.

The guidance now reads, “parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children home if they can.”

The new variant of this virus is highly transmissible and you will know that the pressure on the NHS is severe. Our numbers in school are high and the safest place for your children is at home. Currently, all our teachers and LSAs are working full-time, managing in-school learning and remote learning concurrently. Therefore if you can keep your child at home, then you should. The whole reason that schools have been shut is to reduce the transmission of the highly contagious new strain of COVID. If numbers in school remain high, then this will only prolong this situation for us all.

On Friday there were nearly 1,300 deaths and 68,000 new infections, therefore we are asking that all critical worker parents who are able to, please keep your children at home minimising contact at school. Please think about this carefully at home today. Thank you. We value your support in helping to make schools as safe as possible as well as alleviating some of the immense pressure on the NHS. Please contact the school office if you no longer require a place. Please email [j.watkinson@calmore-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:j.watkinson@calmore-inf.hants.sch.uk) or call us on 02380865994 as soon as possible.

We thank you again for your support

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