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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that the local authority is constantly reviewing on-site provision for the children of critical workers in schools.

As part of this process, we have today published an online survey for parents/carers in order to inform the provision of additional in-school support.

Please find a link to the online survey below:

<https://bit.ly/39NkBmd>

Parents/carers are advised that the survey will close at **12 noon** on **Friday 12 February**.

**It is important to note that the survey does not, in any way, provide any guarantee that your child/ren will be offered on-site provision at their school/s going forward.**

While the survey will be anonymous, the data gathered from this exercise will enable the local authority to determine indicative demand for on-site provision (at an individual school and specific year group level).

We will then use this information to determine whether any change in policy regarding our critical worker eligibility criteria is required.

If the critical worker eligibility criteria is expanded, schools will issue application letters to parents/carers on Monday 22 February (ie immediately after the half-term break) with a view to providing additional on-site provision from Monday 1 March.

We are keen to ensure that the decision-making process is informed by as much information as possible. With this in mind, I would be grateful if all parents/carers could complete the survey (which should take less than 3 minutes) to gauge demand effectively before planning on-site provision over the next few weeks.

With my thanks for your continuing support.



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