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Dear Parent/ Carer

Tuesday 5th January

Lisle Marsden is currently closed to all families and children following the government announcement on Monday evening. We intend to re-open to vulnerable children and the children of Critical Workers, as we did in March, as soon as we are able.

The government has asked parents to keep their children at home wherever possible to reduce the spread of the virus. This new stay at home order has been issued as the government are extremely worried about the new variant of Corona virus which is much more transmittable, with rates of infection spiralling out of control. Therefore, all children should be and remain at home wherever possible. Parents should only take up Critical Worker places at the academy if they are required to work within a clearly defined role.

Our Academy will be operating on significantly reduced staffing and will only be able to provide education in school for families where adults are considered 'critical' workers.

Critical worker provision is fulltime education in school, not Childcare. Eligible children should, wherever possible, attend school every day to ensure they receive continuity of education for the period of the closure.

Information provided by the following government link makes it clear to all parents and carers what the academy can offer specific families. Please note this is the latest guidance available, which was published some days before the lockdown school closure announcement, specifically relating to educational provision for Critical Workers. **Please read this carefully together with our letter below.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Parents who provided us with proof of eligibility in the last lockdown

We are able to offer fulltime places at school to all families who met the criteria in March. We have your details on our system at school and proof of eligibility. If you wish to access this provision you will need to contact the academy on Tuesday informing us that you wish to take up your Critical Worker place at school as soon as we are ready to provide it. You need to contact the academy by email office@lma.nelcmail.co.uk or by phone to inform us of this. **You need to do this by 1.00pm on Tuesday 5th January.** Please state your child's name, Year group and class name in your communication to help us.

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We will open as soon as we are able, to provide educational provision to a **small number of identified children only! Once we finalise who these children will be, these parents/carers will be contacted directly with information concerning when we will be able to re-open, what new bubble your child will be taught in and any other relevant information to help you.**

Please work with us whilst we determine the best arrangements to ensure we can safely open.

EYFS parents and parents who believe they may now be Critical Key Workers

For new parents of EYFS children, or any parent who may now believe they qualify as a Critical Worker and would like to request educational provision in school, you will need to read the information below together with the attached school form, and return the form to us as soon as possible together with proof of eligibility. Once this has been processed we can offer your child a place at school.

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined on the letter below. **Many parents working in these sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.**

Critical workers include NHS staff, police, farmers and specific food retail workers, who need to be able to go out to work. You may be eligible if you fall into one of these categories: Health and Social Care Education; Childcare; Key Public Services; Local and National Government; Food and other necessary goods; Public Safety and National Security; Transport Utilities; communication and financial services.

Then you will need to provide us with specific information on the attached form for us to determine this, and allow us to make safe and appropriate arrangements here at school, which will help us to support you, and to allow us to follow the government guidelines to keep the children safe, as well as ensuring the safety of our staff who will work with them.

Children may not attend the school site under any circumstances unless their attendance has been approved by the Academy. No staff will be available to provide education to any family until arrangements have been finalised.

Once we have collated the information you provide us we will contact you directly to explain whether you are eligible for a place and how we intend to safely operate arrangements going forwards.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding during these incredibly challenging times.

Yours Sincerely

D W Kinsey

Headteacher