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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Government announcement last night, schools will be closed to most pupils until the February half term. During this period, we will be providing places for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.

The Government defines a critical worker as:

Parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 and EU transition response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections:

- *Health and social care*
- *Education and childcare*
- *Key public services*
- *Local and national government*
- *Food and other necessary goods*
- *Public safety and national security*
- *Transport and border*
- *Utilities, communication and financial services*

The full government guidance can be found by following the link below:

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

If you think your family meets the criteria set out in the guidance and you cannot safely look after your children at home, you can apply for a 'child of a critical worker' place. Our school could have limited capacity to ensure that children and staff are kept safe. This means we may have to prioritise this list of critical workers if demand exceeds our capacity.

If you need to apply for a critical worker place please email m.brownridge@newbewerley.org.uk or phone 0113 8878718 by 12:15pm today, giving us the details below.

- Child/Children Year groups
- Name
- Job Role
- Employer
- Line Manager*
- Working days
- Details about how the job role is critical to the Covid-19 or EU transition response
- Which days would places be required?

* Your employer/line manager may be asked to send an email to verify your job role and working days.



If you apply for a place we may be in touch with you today to ask for further information. We will email parents later today to confirm places starting on Thursday 7th January. If you do not receive confirmation of a place, please do not send your child to school.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, planning in these uncertain times is extremely difficult. Guidelines and scientific advice changes regularly but the New Bewerley team are committed to supporting our children and families however we can. We really appreciate your patience.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Gary German

Headteacher

