



6th January 2021

Dear families,

KEY WORKER PRIORITY LIST

Firstly, thank you for your support this week; we understand that another lock down and school closures bring many additional pressures to families and we are working hard to provide a high quality, online learning offer for all. We can see from Tapestry and Seesaw that children are engaging with online learning and keeping in contact with their teachers – please tell your children that we are very proud of them and will continue to stay in close contact.

We have rising demand for school places and, unfortunately, may need to limit pupil numbers in some classes. This means us applying priority criteria and, in some classes, this may mean both parents need to be key workers to qualify for a school place.

We hope that we will not have to apply the criteria set out below as it may mean that children who have been able to come to school this week are no longer able to have a place. We thank all families who have made arrangements to care for their children at home where possible – we know that this is a difficult balancing act alongside work commitments.

If you need a school place for your child, you will need to provide proof that you are a key worker. We will prioritise places for children where both parents are classed as key workers and will require proof from your employer. Please note that if you have already provided this, **you do not need to send it again**. If you have not already provided proof, please email it to admin@shprimary.org.uk today. In the event that we cannot accommodate all requests in a particular year group, priority will be given to key workers as shown in the list below –

Both or lone parents need to be critical workers as listed below:

- Vulnerable children (on an EHCP plan or Health Care Plan)
- Health and social care (doctors, nurses, paramedics, social workers, care workers and other frontline health and social care staff)
- Public safety - police, fire, ambulance, probation, prison employee.
- Education and childcare teachers, teaching assistants (for those who are still at work)
- Key to public services - management of deceased, journalists, religious staff or running of the justice system.
- Local and national Government - only frontline services.
- Transport - those who keep the air, water, road and rail passengers operating during COVID19 response.
- Food and necessary goods - food production or delivery.
- Utilities and financial - if essential for COVID19 response e.g. banks, building societies, oil, gas and electric services.

Should you need support or help with home learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brown

Head teacher