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To all parents and carers at  
Ebor Academy Trust schools

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Key Workers**

First of all I would like to thank you for your fortitude in these difficult times. Staff at our schools are grateful for the willingness of parents and carers to work with us in trying to make the best of the current situation.

You will be all too aware that currently, schools are now only open to vulnerable children and children of key workers. Children without satisfactory online access are now also classed as vulnerable as they are more likely to fall behind in their educational attainment. This is, in turn, increasing the numbers of children attending school and vulnerable children will always be given priority.

Moreover, we are finding more key workers asking for places for their children than in the previous lockdown. We will always try and find places, but can we ask that if you are a key worker and your personal circumstances mean that there are days when your child can work from home, can we respectfully ask you to keep children at home at those times?

In his broadcast on Monday, the Prime Minister urged every one of us to try and stay at home if possible, to help the national effort in slowing the increase of the virus. Having perhaps unnecessarily high numbers of children in our schools runs contrary to this advice.

We know how difficult life is at the moment but if you can safely find ways to accommodate your child for home learning, even for part of the week, it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Gail Brown  
Chief Executive and Executive Headteacher