Winhills Primary Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for sending an email expressing your interest in your child attending school during the third national lockdown because you are a critical worker or meet one of the other criteria for this provision.

The Local Authority have asked us to remind parents that this is a national lockdown and the government have made it clear that people should stay at home. This provision is offered to the children of parents who are **critical workers** or meet another critical criteria who **are unable to work from home** and/or unable to make other arrangements for their children so have **no alternative** but to attend school.

At present, we have had a very high uptake but at present <u>can</u> offer your child a place on the basis that you meet the critical worker criteria and are unable to work from home. If this is no longer the case or your situation changes, inform us immediately so we can offer the place to another family.

If numbers of applicants for this offer become too high, the Local Authority have asked us to prioritise the provision for the children of parents who work in health and social care, education and childcare and vulnerable children. Therefore, if you do not meet this criteria, we cannot guarantee this place at school for the whole of lockdown and may need to remove it at short notice. Remember, please do not send your children into school unless it is absolutely necessary.

Please be aware that the provision we are offering is not the same as a regular school day and your child will be attending school daily and will be engaging in the same learning activities which will be set for children who are at home.

In order to accept this place, your children must attend school everyday (Monday-Friday) and a school day will run from 8:45am to 3:15pm – the children will need to be in school for the whole day, as this is **not** a **part-time provision**. Children must wear school uniform as normal.

The school kitchen will remain open, although the published menu cannot be guaranteed.

In order confirm your place, please complete the reply slip and return to office@winhills.cambs.sch.uk as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact us. We thank you for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely

J. W. Turner

Mr John Turner Head of School

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