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Dear Parents and Carers

## Provision for Students of Key Workers in Years 7-10

At the time of writing, from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January through to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January inclusive, the Government has asked schools to provide provision for critical workers in addition to exam groups in Year 11 and Year 13. *(Please note that as per my previous letter, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET Day).*

Schools have been asked to provide a service for children where the parents are in this critical worker category **and** they cannot provide an alternative themselves for children during the school day.

The definition of key workers can be found at:

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

I must emphasise that this service is an emergency service and is only for key workers who cannot provide childcare at home.

**Please do not try and use this service if you do not fall into these categories.** The provision in school over these 4 days will be very similar to the remote learning offer to students working at home.

If you are a critical worker and you require in school provision for your child between 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January inclusive, please complete this form by 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

### [Provision request form](#)

#### Provision details

##### Timing:

Provision will follow the normal school day. It will not be possible to have students attending school for half or part days. Equally, this is a full-time provision and we cannot offer occasional days.

##### Canteen service:

The normal canteen service will run over the week.

**Registration:**

Students will be kept in year group bubbles so that these will be maintained when the rest of the school returns on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. They will be directed to specific rooms to register.

**Supervision:**

Students will be supervised to undertake the remote learning that is being set for other students. A number of other activities may be available during the day. Staff will be on hand to assist with the learning. The member of staff may not be a subject specialist and it is likely that they may not be familiar to some students. If students have their own laptop or tablet they are encouraged to bring this into school.

**Groups:**

These will be of mixed ability and Learning Support Assistants will be assigned where appropriate. Students will be maintained in their bubbles.

**Uniform and Equipment:**

Students will be expected to attend in full school uniform, they are required to have the necessary equipment for learning. Staff have been instructed to maintain their standards of professional dress as well, so that the students see familiar faces in familiar roles. Students and staff will appreciate the consistency that this will bring.

**Behaviour and Rewards:**

The school behaviour and rewards policy will apply during the school day.

I appreciate that the restriction on the provision we can provide may appear limiting, but we need to manage the remote learning for all other students in Years 7-10, whilst maintaining face to face teaching with Years 11 and 13. We are also conscious that Oaklands is in a tier 4 area so maintaining social distancing and teaching bubbles is also paramount.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Quinn  
**Headteacher**