



**ST THOMAS
MORE**
VC ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Critical Worker Educational Provision

I must remind you that we offer our Critical Worker Educational Provision as an **emergency service** only.

Demand for places has been unexpectedly high and as we near capacity, we must consider prioritising access through evidence of need. The cap on numbers is critical to minimise as far as possible, the risk of viral transmission which otherwise, will undoubtedly lead to further Bubble closures as we move through this difficult phase of the pandemic.

Please be reminded that it is **not** compulsory for Critical Worker children to attend school. If children can be at home safely because there is adequate care – for example during a break in shift pattern, then this is what **MUST** happen.

This additionally includes parents working from home and instances where alternative childcare bubble arrangements exist. Please ensure that you have exhausted all possible childcare options before seeking a place within our emergency provision and please anticipate being asked for evidence of need from your employer.

I look forward to your anticipated support in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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