



Wednesday 6th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from my letter yesterday regarding Critical Worker status.

We currently have **88 children** attending and a growing waiting list. Due to this high demand we have sought advice from a representative who has the authority to speak on behalf of the Garrison and they have confirmed:

'that not all military people enjoy 'key worker' status – only those who are in critical command functions, or those who are held at high-readiness for deployment'

Please could all our service personnel who currently have a place, or are seeking a place, get confirmation regarding their **'key worker' status** from their commanding officers **immediately**. Please ask them to email admin@montgomery-inf.essex.sch.uk using an official email address. We will then be able to secure a place for your child.

Our office staff are working relentlessly to sieve through an unprecedented amount of emails as well as doing all of the other administration that comes with running a school. We will respond to emails and confirm places as soon as possible. If we have not had confirmation of critical worker/key worker status from you by the **end of this week**, and your child is currently attending school, we will not be able to keep their place open from next week. We will advise all parents of security of places by the end of this week.

If your child has been invited to attend school because the school have deemed them vulnerable your place will be secure, but may have to move to part-time provision in the future.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sue Bridgeman

Headteacher