**KEY WORKER UPDATE (1) Saturday 21 March**

**Below is the most recent advice we have received. Please read very carefully.**

**The advice to us has changed once again yesterday evening. Both parents no longer have to be Key Workers. There is no requirement for identified key worker parents to take up this offer or send their children to school if they do not wish to.**

**HOWEVER - Our message to you is that children should NOT be in school if at all possible and certainly not unless they meet the criteria. Childminding in school should be the last resort after all other alternatives have been exhausted. Your children will be safer at home rather than mingling with others from different families – schools are open to assist essential services personnel to fight coronavirus on the frontline and the fewer children we have in school the safer they will be. This is in line with general** **public health advice on social distancing**.

**EVERY CHILD WHO CAN BE SAFELY CARED FOR AT HOME SHOULD BE.**

**Key worker parents requiring care provision:**

Any children previously withdrawn from school on the basis of risk should not return.

In single parent families, the main carer **MUST** be a Key Worker and be required at work.

Wrap around services will not be available and schools will **only** be open for normal school hours.

Provision of any level of service will be dependent on staff availability and the school may have to be closed if this becomes a problem.

**If you are a key worker and you meet the criteria and wish to avail of this reduced provision, please contact the school via the email address below before 6pm on Saturday 21 March;**

[kwright590@c2kni.net](http://www.orritorps.co.uk)

**Your email should outline how each of the parents fulfil the criteria of a ‘key worker’ and the days which you will need the childcare provision.**

**If this advice changes over the weekend I will update it on this site.**