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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your application regarding a Critical Worker place for your child.

As expected the demand for these places is higher than during the first lockdown and therefore I would ask you to consider carefully whether you need to make use of that place. If numbers of applicants for this offer are too high and as such impact on the safe running of the school, 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 for children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Your child has been offered a place subject to you providing confirmation of your employment as a **critical worker**. For further clarification of this please see the definition on the government website - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>.

Please contact the school office as a matter of urgency if you have not yet provided us with this evidence. Evidence can be emailed to office@limeacademywatergall.london. Whilst only one parent needs to be a critical worker in order to secure a school place, please think carefully about whether you absolutely need to make use of this provision as the Department of Education have asked us to minimise the number of children in school and emphasise the message is to STAY AT HOME. If you decide that you no longer need your child's place, please email the school office.

This provision may be different to that offered by other schools, but is planned in accordance with the staff we have available to facilitate and administrate in school during this lockdown together with the government's directive about continuity in learning provision.

Kind regards,

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