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Dear Parents,

Following the announcement regarding continued closure of the nursery and school due to the extension of the national lockdown, I have now received the required information to be in the position to further explain the statement that "nursery and school would be 'largely' closed to pupils for face-to-face learning/care."

Guidance from MOD Schools and Setting Leaders:

If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be. Therefore, if there is a parent or carer at home then this is where the child/ren should be at this time of increased risk due to COVID 19; this includes, where possible, having personnel working from home and providing childcare. This is a health pandemic and we aim to ensure that children, colleagues and families remain safe; the best way to achieve this is to stay at home and minimise contact with others.

Where the nursery and school may be able to provide face-to-face provision is when "a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker." In these circumstances educational provision or childcare may be available.

In regards to critical workers in Sennelager Garrison, Local Command will direct school and the nursery by identifying those workers who perform critical outputs, which cannot be managed by working from home, and who require education/care provision support from us.

If you believe yourself to be a critical worker delivering key defence/national security outputs **and** are essential in the Garrison's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, you are required to state this via email, providing supporting details. MOD Schools guidance to Overseas Commands states 'critical worker' status should be approved for single 'service' personnel in critical positions and dual serving personnel in critical positions.

**All critical worker 'applications' should be emailed to: [attenborough.head@modschools.org](mailto:attenborough.head@modschools.org)**

During working days (Monday-Friday) confirmation of receipt of your email should be sent within 24 hours.

For applications received on a Friday, please expect a confirmation of receipt by close of business the following Monday.

Received 'applications' will be forwarded directly to Command (who are best placed to prioritise the critical nature of the work being completed) for consideration/approval. The nursery and school will be notified by Command of all approved 'applications' and communicate directly with families identified to arrange the required support with childcare or face-to-face education.

On a separate note, thank you for your continued support of our remote learning provision, it is greatly appreciated. In the coming days, teachers are likely to commence regular live sessions via Zoom to support remote provision further. Please do contact your child's class teacher if you are experiencing any issues which are impacting on the effectiveness of our intended remote educational offer.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Chapman