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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well and we thank you for your support in this difficult time.

Our aim like everyone's is to reduce the spread of the virus. That is only possible by keeping as many children at home as possible. The more children in schools in closer proximity, the greater the risk of spreading the virus.

We are also trying to reduce numbers in schools, because we have less resources than normal and over time this will reduce further as school staff are not immune to the virus.

Our aim is to support the most vulnerable children and those of parents working in critical services. If school becomes unsafe, due to school being overwhelmed, in a context of reducing staff numbers, the school will have to close.

This would cause more difficulties for those who most need this support. We genuinely want to avoid this, which is why we are asking parents who are critical key workers to take up a place when there is absolutely no alternative. If critical workers work shifts, it is requested that where possible, on days that you are not in work, your child remains at home in your care.

We ask that parents are not offended when asked about alternatives, such as why a parent who is working from home can't care for your child. We ask that parents are not offended when challenged to prove their role is critical to the Covid-19 response. This is because we want to continue to deliver this offer safely, for as long as is possible, to those in greatest need.

If no alternative can be found and you absolutely must bring your child to school, please be mindful of social distancing to ensure we minimise risk for staff and pupils.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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