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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. As we move further into this period of school closure we continue to review our remote provision and it is likely we will continue to make amendments weekly to try and keep pupils engaged in their learning. We are under no illusions that families and pupils find aspects of this type of learning challenging but overall we are delighted by pupil engagement.

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

We are asking parents, who are critical key workers, to take up a place when there is absolutely no alternative. If critical workers work shift patterns, it is requested that 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.

Finally – to all of our pupils. We are so very proud of all of you! So many of your teachers have shared with me how well you have been engaging with the lessons. It is so important that you keep going right now, and we all know how frustrating this is. We really miss seeing you every day, and we can't wait to be back in school together.

Yours sincerely

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