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Dear Parents,

School Provision

As we continue to journey through this lockdown more and more parents are contacting the school trying to access places in school for their children because they feel their children are either struggling at home with their learning and falling behind, children are not behaving for parents, they are disrupting the adults' work at home, children are feeling sad and want to be in with their Teachers and friends, or there is high family stress. Most parents are finding it very difficult and stressful to juggle everything they need to do at home to support their child's learning at the same time as keeping their own work and everything else going for the family. Please be assured you are not alone, what you are experiencing is what the vast majority of our parents are experiencing.

We really do understand how stressful, exhausting and difficult it is for families during this lockdown whilst the country tries to find its way through and survives this pandemic but I have to be quite clear we cannot open our school provision to parents simply because they are finding the school closure difficult, disruptive and stressful; we do completely understand how hard it is for parents but if we were to do this the school would be fully open. There is very strict guidance on who can access places and conditions schools have to follow to try to keep the school a safe place for the children and adults in it. Governors have expressed their grave concern for the growing number of children in our school with all seven classrooms being used to accommodate the numbers. We are all concerned for the safety of our children in school, their families and staff and their families. The higher the numbers in school, the greater the risk of the transmission of the virus.

We are urging all our families to follow the Government guidance to stay at home, follow strict hygiene routines and keep socially distanced. Critical workers have been asked from the start of this lockdown to keep their children at home if they can. We are strongly requesting again that critical workers reflect on the requests being made for places at school and only use our provision when there is no other option available to keep children safe at home. We are appealing to all to keep the number of days you are requesting to the minimum that you can. We know that many of you are already doing this with some critical workers' children not accessing the provision at all.



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We strongly acknowledge and salute the essential work that critical workers are doing to help us to win this battle against COVID and ask that parents keep places free in school for the days when critical workers need to do their essential work and our most vulnerable children need to be in school.

We all have our part to play in keeping each other safe.

Yours sincerely,

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