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Saturday 9th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, we have offered your child a place at school. We have been inundated with requests and unfortunately difficult decisions have had to be made when allocating places.

Last night the government updated their guidance with regards to critical worker places at school and have stated that critical worker parents should keep their children at home if they can. This is due to the huge number of requests that schools are facing at the current time.

I am desperate for our school to remain open for the families who absolutely have no other choice but to use us and for those families who are directly required to support the covid-19 response. We are concerned that with the high numbers of children we still have attending school, we are just going to continue to transmit the virus and end up having to close bubbles in school which is not what we want to do.

I also need to keep my staff well so that they can continue to deliver our remote learning offer to parents. In many schools teaching staff are working from home or on a rota system to reduce the number of staff in the building but I am unable to do this due to the sheer number of requests for places we have.

Therefore I am urging parents not to use us if any of the following apply:

- 1) Your wife/husband/partner is at home and can care for your child.
- 2) You or your partner are not working as you have shift patterns/days off etc (part time arrangements)
- 3) You have a support bubble that your child could go to e.g grandparents.
- 4) If your employer can arrange for you to work from home.

We want to be available for the parents who are not able to work from home as they are required to attend their work place to support the covid-19 response.

We know that this applies to so many of our parents as you have no other options and absolutely should be sending your child to school.

Below you will find a link to the critical worker booking form. Please complete this form so that we are aware of when or if you require your child to be in school.

We appreciate that Y1 parents are having to keep their children at home until the 18th January as they are all isolating but if Y1 parents can just complete the form to outline what they will usually require that will be very helpful.

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Also, we completely appreciate the immense pressure on NHS staff at the moment and understand that you may be required to work additional shifts to help the NHS cope at this time. Many of you, I am sure, will also be supporting with the covid-19 vaccine response. If this is the case, please just outline this on the form as we appreciate your shifts/days may need to be increased and have no problem with this at all.

<https://forms.gle/etNqqJ6PDNCyGMXUA>

Finally, I just want to say a huge thank you to you all for everything everyone is doing at the current time to support school at this incredibly difficult time. Your support is very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McAleny', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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