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Dear Parents/Carers

Message for Families of Critical Workers

As you know, the country has entered a third lockdown and schools have closed for everyone except the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. You will know that the overall purpose of the lockdown is to reduce person-to-person contact and therefore to reduce the infection transmission rate of Covid-19.

These are challenging times and keeping pupils and staff that are in school safe requires us to use social distancing and bubble arrangements that become increasingly difficult to implement as the overall numbers of people in the building increases.

We know that some of you are 'critical workers' and that your child absolutely has to be in school for you to be able to work. In some cases, whilst you qualify as a 'critical worker' you may be able to have your child at home learning remotely and if this is the case we would be very grateful. Government guidance published on 7th January asks that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can whilst recognising there will be a place if it is absolutely needed. Anything you can do to help us keep numbers down in school would be appreciated.

Our headteachers will be working with families to manage the numbers of students that can be safely accommodated in each of our schools and in order that all students can access quality learning, whether they do this at home or in school. Getting this balance right will help our schools to reduce potential transmission of Covid-19 by minimising the numbers in school and also help to ensure our staff have the capacity to support the remote learning of all other pupils.

My thanks for all you are doing to support home learning and the school, we know this is a difficult time. We also know that as critical workers you are playing a key role in the fight against Covid 19, and we're very grateful for that.

Please contact your school if you need support on any of the information above.

Kind regards

David Horn
CEO