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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Further to Mrs Walker's letter dated 13th January, I am writing to update you on the situation regarding places in school for the children of critical key workers.

We all want schools to be open for everyone. Unfortunately, because of the high transmission rates, the number of people in hospital and the terrifyingly high death rate in the country, school places have been restricted as a measure to reduce social contacts. The government guidance for schools states that:

Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can

This statement makes it quite clear that if you are able to keep children at home, even as a critical key worker, you should be doing so. We understand the difficulties this causes, however the guidance is there to protect the staff, pupils, families and the school community. Again, we would urge you to only ask for a place in school if it is absolutely essential and we thank those parents who support the fight against Covid-19 by doing this.

Schools have been placed in a very difficult situation and like all schools we are working hard to provide a quality remote learning package while teaching pupils in school. We are also working within the safe limits of our risk assessments which are in place for the safety of everyone.

Since returning to school in January, we have had a huge increase in the number of children in school and the demand for places in school is continuing to rise. We have now reached the point where we will be opening a waiting list for places in school. We may also need to contact the Local Authority who are brokering places in alternative schools for pupils who are unable to attend their usual school because of capacity reasons. If you have recently requested a place in school for your child, we will be considering your application, applying our criteria and contacting you at a later point this week.

Thank you again for all of your understanding and support. We need to continue to pull together to do what we can to fight this terrible virus so that we can once again return to some normality. I am sure that, like me, you can't wait to visit your close family and friends. We can do this together.

Keep safe.

Mrs Jenkinson
Executive Headteacher

