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7 January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Request for School Places

Further to the announcement by the Prime Minister on Monday evening and previous communication from the school, you will be aware that the only children who we are now able to offer in school provision to are those children deemed vulnerable and/or children of key workers who are not able to have suitable alternative arrangements made for them. If you are able to make safe arrangements for your child/children to undertake remote learning from home then you should do so. Under the new lockdown restrictions, support and childcare bubbles are still legally able to operate as they currently do. The full details of the new lockdown measures are included [here](#).

Please read the information below carefully and respond as required.

Children of key workers in all Year Groups

Thank you to those who responded to previous communication with regards to requesting a place in school. Please be aware that from Monday 11th January, we will only be accepting students in school on a **full time basis from now until the end of this half term**. This applies to all year groups. There are a number of reasons for this, based on our previous experience of partial school closure (particularly for the younger students), which include:

- Consistency and continuity for the children
- Ability to manage the learning experience between home and school (both in terms of work and routines)
- Difficulties socially for some children where they were coming into school very occasionally and / or on a more ad hoc basis
- Children not having a sense of what was happening for them on a week to week basis
- Logistics and organisation

The number of eligible places that have been requested are significantly higher than during the previous period of partial school closure so we may require evidence of your critical worker status, such as a letter from your employer. In the absence of any updated government guidance (as yet) about advised group sizes we would like to have absolute clarity on numbers between now and February half term, hence this request. Even if you have completed this request before, can we ask that you complete the form on the [attached link](#) to allow us to provide the most effective provision for our students as possible. Please complete this form by 3.30pm on Friday 8th January 2021.

Remote Learning

As previously indicated Google Classroom is the main platform that we are using for remote learning. All children have routinely been using google classroom in school and know how to access this.

Many thanks for your patience and ongoing support.

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