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**Dear Parents/ Carers** 

## As a community, we all need to do what we can to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The country is in the extreme position of a national lockdown because of the threat to the National Health Service becoming overwhelmed and consequent impact. This is a national effort.

As such, the scientific advice on how to further limit the spread of COVID-19 is clear. If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Please, therefore, follow these key principles:

- 1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
- 2. If you are a critical worker you should still use us <u>only if you really have to on that day</u>. And only for the days you need to.

Please remember, Government guidance does allow households to nominate another adult to support them as part of a Child Support Bubble.

We have over 220 children of critical workers registered at school. Of these, we had 187 children attend school today. I must make the plea to all key workers to **only send your child to school if you absolutely have to on that day**.

To help with our planning, for next week onwards, the office will be sending out a booking procedure to all critical workers so that they can book places for each week stating which days they need their child to come.

I know that you will work with us in responding appropriately. In so doing, you will help us to safeguard our children, staff and yourselves.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sean Smith Headteacher