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Dear Parents,

After listening to Prime Minister Johnson's press conference last night, the message is very clear: **stay at home.**

As you are aware, school remains open to vulnerable pupils and pupils of Key Workers. We know that school will be closed for at least the remainder of this half term. There is an extremely high number of pupils in school and we are very close to reaching full capacity. Each class are not in their own bubble apart from when they are accessing remote teaching; due to staffing, cohorts are joined together for most of the day. As a result of this, some bubbles already have more pupils in them than our usual class sizes in school.

I must reiterate that if you do not need to send your child into school because there is an adult at home, please do not. If an adult in your household has been furloughed even though another adult is a Key Worker, your child must stay at home.

If the demand for Key Worker places continues to remain high or indeed rises, we will have to allocate places based upon households who have all adults as Key Workers that cannot work from home; for single-parent households, that parent will have to be a Key Worker who cannot work from home. From there, we will allocate places based upon a number of factors including occupation, supporting evidence from employers and access to technology.

I completely understand that working from home whilst your child has to access remote education can be extremely challenging and we are trying our best to make this easier for you, however I am asking you to consider the wellbeing of your family and put the needs of our community first before sending your child into school at any time when it is not absolutely necessary.

I do not want to have to reallocate spaces in school however if demand remains as high as it has been this week, spaces will very likely have to be redistributed. I would like to reiterate that we understand how difficult the current situation is for all families and we wish we could have all children together in school where they belong. We can only hope, as the vaccines are rolled out and winter moves to spring, we start to see more glimmers of hope.

Look after each other and stay safe.

Mrs. F. Stephenson

