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Dear Parent/Carers,

Critical Worker/Vulnerable Children

I know that this has once again been an unsettling, stressful and highly frustrating time for everyone and not the start to the year we had wished for.

We recently issued a letter from NEST on 31 December 2020 in relation to the closure of schools and the guidance for Critical Worker's and parents of vulnerable children, an extract from the letter is below:

*'The guidance is very clear that schools should be closed to the **majority of pupils**. Schools are crowded places, even with social distancing measures in place.'*

We currently have approximately 100 children attending our school which is 37% of our school population and so far we have been able to accommodate these numbers. However, we are continuing to receive requests and therefore need to consider our staffing levels and the safety of all those who are in attendance on site. Whilst we can't say no to families of key workers as we will always support our families wherever we possibly can, we do ask that you take time to consider the safety of your family and whether the place is essential. We currently have one year group which has twenty children in attendance; this means that although we have all the safety measures in place, the children are still mixing with each other as well as their families.

Please can we ask that you only request a space if you **really** need one. Due to the numbers we have now reached, we will have to assess each individual case as spaces in our classes are now very limited and ultimately we have to ensure our setting remains safe. **If you have recently asked for a place which the school has not yet confirmed please could you write in a new request for us to consider.**

If you have already requested a place which was confirmed, but you have chosen to defer this place, please can you confirm if you require this space or not. This excludes those who have agreed their start date during next week.

We hope that we will be able to return to some sort of normality in the not too distant future.

Best Wishes,

Miss James
Head Teacher



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