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Dear Parents

As you know we are doing all that we can to ensure that we stay open so the staff vital to the COVID-19 response can continue working in line with Government policy. We are asking all parents to consider our staff when asking us to allow your children into school. We are not prepared to put our staff at risk when there is a member of family at home who is not involved in the critical services responsible for supporting the Government's response to COVID-19.

We are asking that the family member who is not involved in the critical work takes time off work to care for their dependant. We know that this is a big ask but we are all having to make huge sacrifices during this most difficult time. To be clear staff are placing themselves at risk to allow the critical services can continue NOT so someone can continue to work.

Parents not respecting this request could see the need for the school to close completely meaning that front line NHS workers will not have care for their children. We of course value the relationship we have with all our parents, however, we will not allow our staff to be placed at risk unnecessarily. The Prime Minister could not have been clearer. **You MUST stay at home.**

I am sure you will agree that we need to work together to ensure we can support the front line services and protect staff wherever possible. This is going to mean some huge sacrifices for all of us and I urge you to support the nations effort. Most importantly we know that your children are at their safest at home with you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Wilson
Acting Head of School

