

Wednesday 12th January 2021

Dear Parents,

I am just reaching out to critical and key worker parents who currently have children in school and I want to be completely honest...

Compared to the previous school closure, we have close to five times the amount of pupils in school. This is clearly a concern in terms of Covid transmission. Despite stringent hygiene measures that are in place, it is near impossible to keep pupils at a safe distance from each other and, in the case of the younger classes, from the staff. Whilst I, and some of my staff, are well enough to take that risk, it is a risk that parents should only be taking if faced with absolutely no other option.

Therefore, I am asking that you only use us as a last resort emergency childcare. The latest Government guidance says that parents and carers who are critical workers should only send their children into school if there is no way that they can stay at home.

For the national lockdown to be effective, it is important that we keep the numbers to a safe level. Therefore, we will once again be writing to all parents this week to ascertain your childcare requirements for the final three weeks of this half term (25th Jan -12th Feb). Please note that on these dates, it is likely that our provision may change and as such we may not be able to offer the same provision that we currently are to all pupils.

In the meantime, please let the office know asap if you can manage in another way and can keep your child safely at home.

I know that some of you as key workers are in the same impossible position that I'm in. I'm simply trying to minimise risk and keep as many people safe as possible.

Thank you and take care,

Daniel Barron